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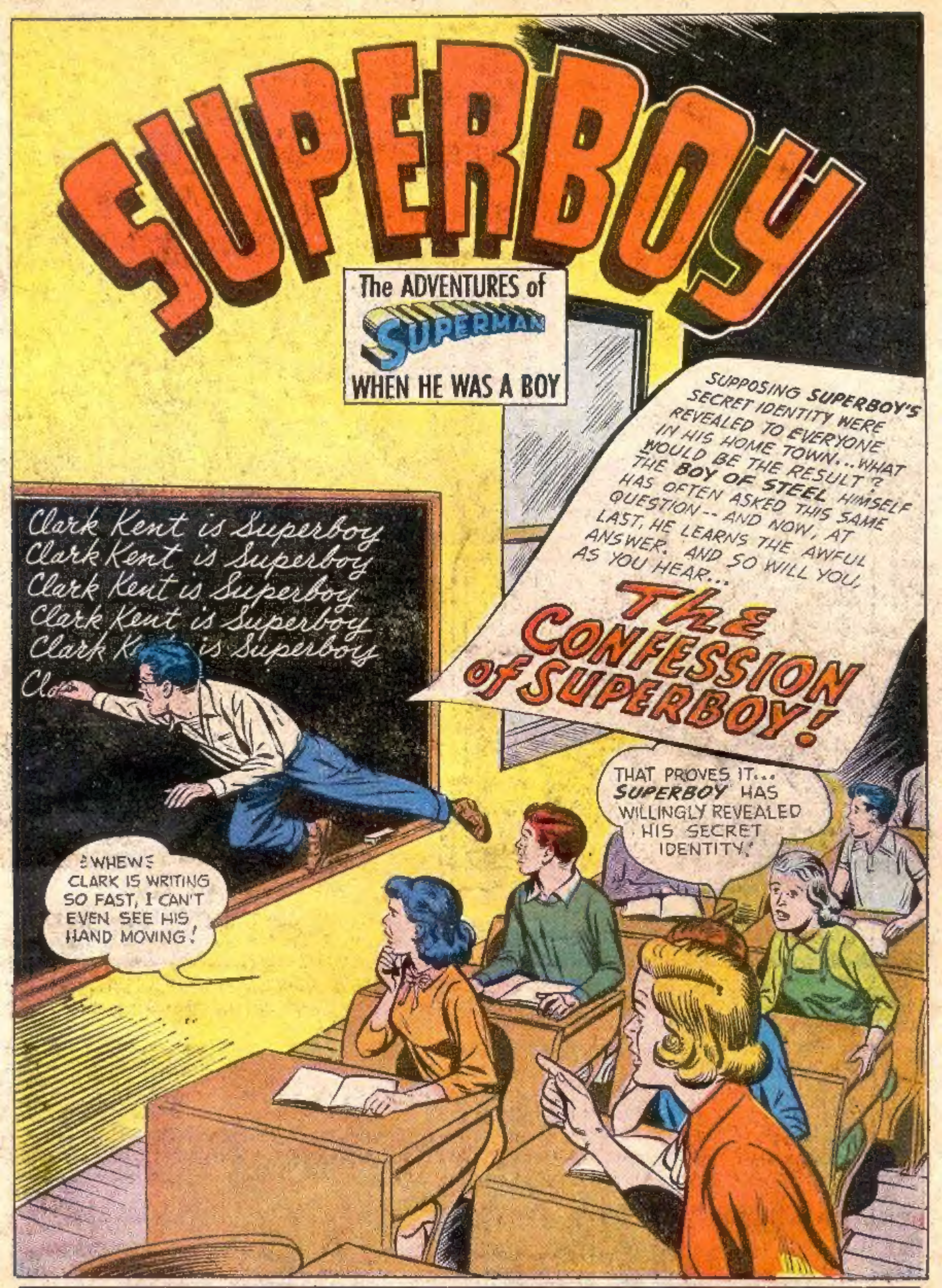

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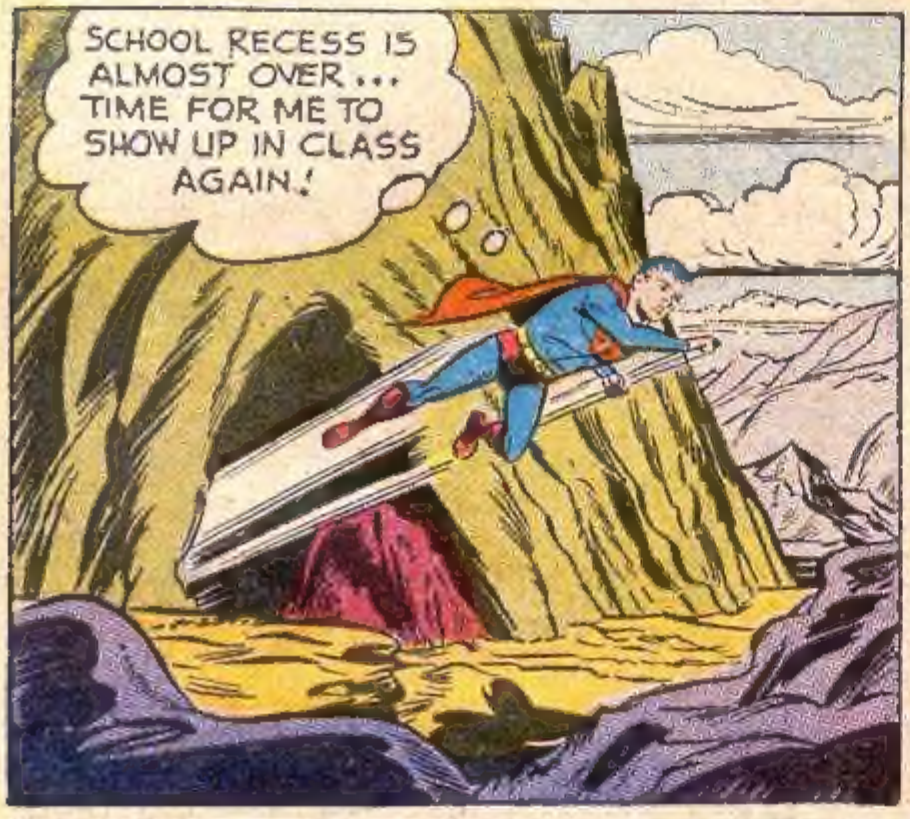
ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF SMALLVILLE, FOR ONE OF HIS DAILY CHORES, SUPERBOY AIDS IN THE TOP-SECRET EXPERIMENTS OF AN UNDER-GROUND LABORATORY...
WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN MAKING GAS Z, WITH YOUR HELP, SUPERBOY! IT WILL BE TURNED OVER TO OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE!
GAS Z

OF COURSE, WE MUST NOT TELL ANYONE WHAT AMAZING PROPERTIES GAS Z HAS!
RIGHT... BE VERY CAREFUL WITH IT! WELL, I GUESS IT'S SAFE FOR ME TO LEAVE NOW...
GAS Z


SCHOOL RECESS IS ALMOST OVER... TIME FOR ME TO SHOW UP IN CLASS AGAIN!

SOON, IN A SECLUDED SPOT NEAR SMALLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL...
FOR YEARS I'VE KEPT MY DOUBLE IDENTITY A SECRET! I WONDER WHAT THE TOWN WOULD SAY IF THEY KNEW THAT CLARK KENT WAS SUPERBOY!

LATER, IN CLARK'S ENGLISH CLASS...
YOUR ASSIGNMENT FOR TODAY WAS TO PREPARE A SHORT TALK ENTITLED, "WHY I'M PROUD THAT SUPERBOY LIVES IN SMALLVILLE"! FIRST I'LL CALL ON LANA LANG!
LITTLE DOES LANA SUSPECT THAT SHE'LL BE TALKING ABOUT ME!

I'M PROUD BECAUSE SUPERBOY HELPS THOSE IN TROUBLE, SAVES MANY LIVES, AND BATTLES EVIL! HE'S A SUPER-HERO... YET SUPER MODEST!
GOSH, LANA'S MAKING ME BLUSH! WHAT IF I'M ASKED TO SPEAK, TOO?

CLARK GETS HIS ANSWER A MOMENT LATER, AS...
VERY GOOD, LANA... NEXT WE'LL HEAR FROM CLARK KENT!
OH, NO! HOW CAN I PRAISE MYSELF?

MAY I BEG OFF, MISS SMITH? SPEAKING ON THAT THEME WOULDN'T BE VERY MODEST OF ME.
WHATEVER DO YOU MEAN, CLARK? WHY CAN'T YOU PRAISE SUPERBOY?

BECAUSE... WELL, YOU SEE... I AM SUPERBOY!

ARE WE HEARING RIGHT? IS CLARK DELIBERATELY EXPOSING HIS SECRET IDENTITY?...
HAW! HA-HA!
THE CLASS IS LAUGHING AT YOUR RIDICULOUS JOKE, AND I DON'T BLAME THEM!
BUT IT'S TRUE! LOOK... I'M WEARING MY SUPERBOY COSTUME UNDER MY REGULAR CLOTHING!

HA, HA... ANYBODY CAN WEAR AN IMITATION OF SUPERBOY'S COSTUME! WHAT A GAG, CLARK... HA, HA, HA!
A GAG? I SEE I'LL HAVE TO PROVE MY CLAIM, WITH SOME SUPER-POWERS...

...FIRST, SUPER-SPEED...
GOLLY! HE FILLED ALL THE BLACK-BOARDS IN ONE SECOND!
Clark Kent is Superboy
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NOW, X-RAY VISION... ONE OF THOSE EXAM QUESTIONS IN YOUR DESK READS, "NAME THE TEN GREATEST ORATORS OF HISTORY!"
GOOD HEAVENS... THAT'S RIGHT!
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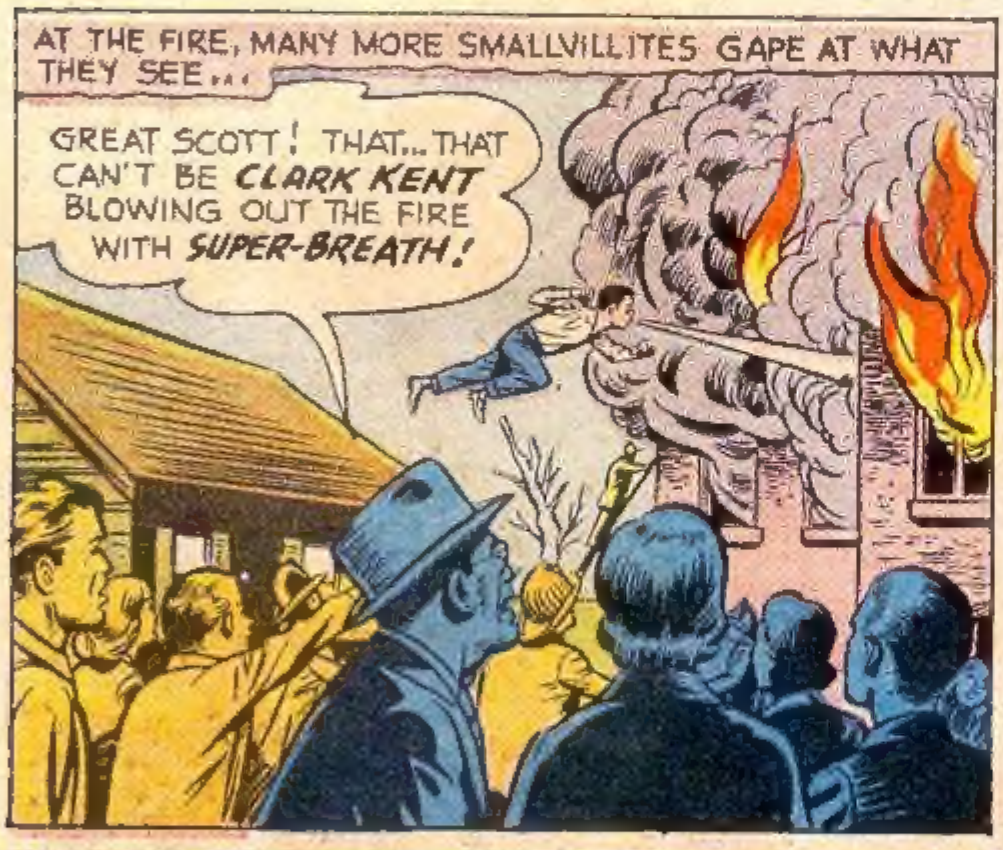
FINALLY, SUPER-STRENGTH! ARE YOU ALL CONVINCED?
WOW! HE... HE LIFTED HER DESK WITH HIS LITTLE FINGER! ONLY SUPERBOY HIMSELF COULD DO THAT!

BUT THE BEST PROOF OF ALL COMES A SECOND LATER, AS...
LISTEN! A FIRE ALARM! IF YOU CAN FLY, TOO, CLARK... GOODNESS! HE CAN!
SURE... AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I CAN FLY THERE WITHOUT SWITCHING IDENTITIES...


AT THE FIRE, MANY MORE SMALLVILLITES GAPE AT WHAT THEY SEE...
GREAT SCOTT! THAT... THAT CAN'T BE CLARK KENT BLOWING OUT THE FIRE WITH SUPER-BREATH!

WHY NOT? I'M SUPERBOY, AS YOU CAN PLAINLY SEE!
I... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

WHEN WEAKENED WALLS THREATEN TO COLLAPSE, THE CLARK KENT OF STEEL PERFORMS SPECTACULARLY...
I MADE A GIANT LASSO OUT OF THE FIRE HOSE! THERE... THAT'LL HOLD IT TOGETHER FOR THE TIME BEING!

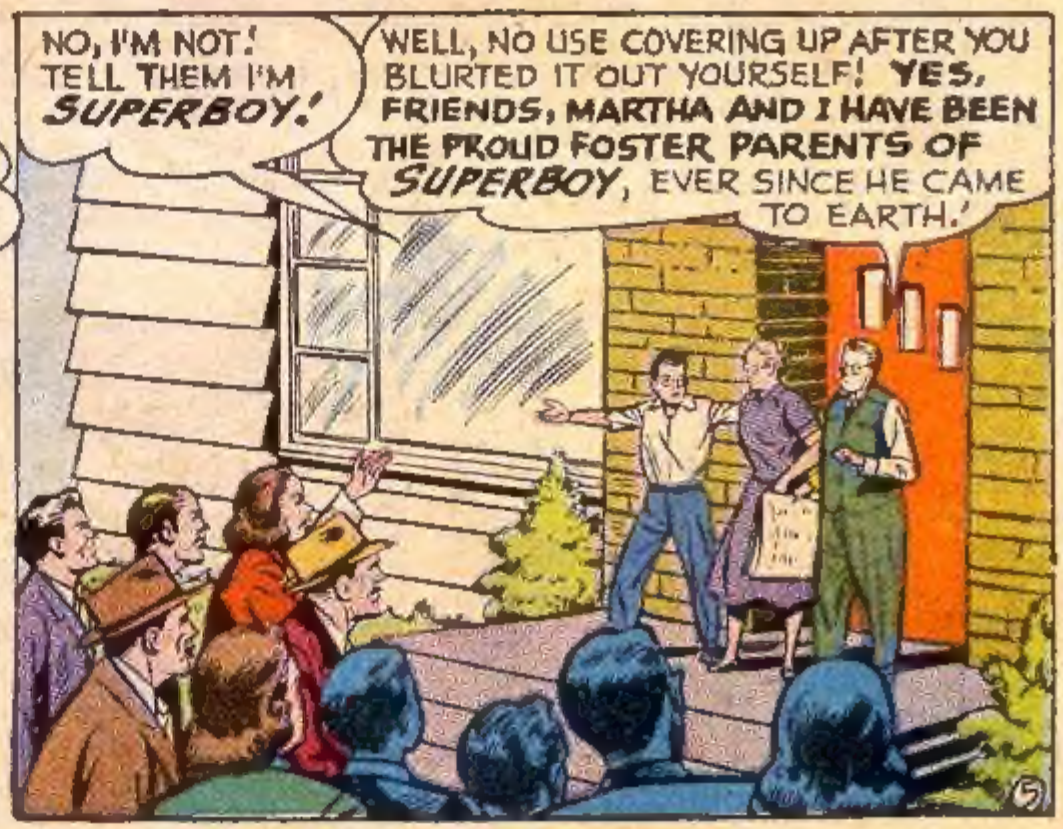
PAH! IT COULD BE TRICKERY! HOW DO WE KNOW YOU'RE REALLY CLARK KENT? YOU COULD HAVE DRESSED UP LIKE HIM, TO PLAY A PRACTICAL JOKE ON US!
YOU MEAN... YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME?

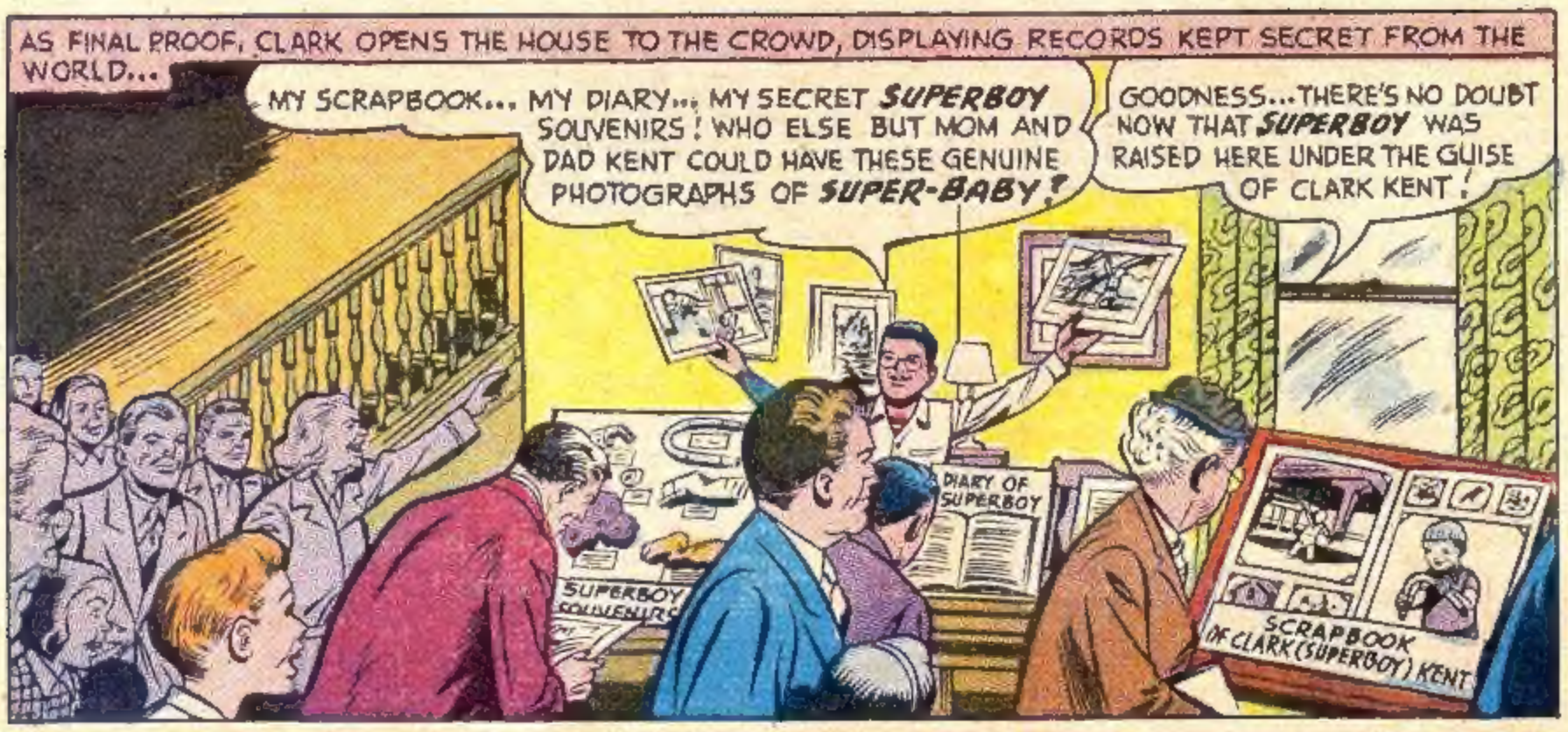
WHAT A CRAZY TWIST! FOR YEARS, I HAD TO USE EVERY SUPER-TRICK AT MY COMMAND TO HIDE MY IDENTITY! NOW, WHEN I EXPOSE IT, THEY'RE SKEPTICAL! SEEMS I... I'VE GOT TO PROVE I ALWAYS WAS SUPERBOY!

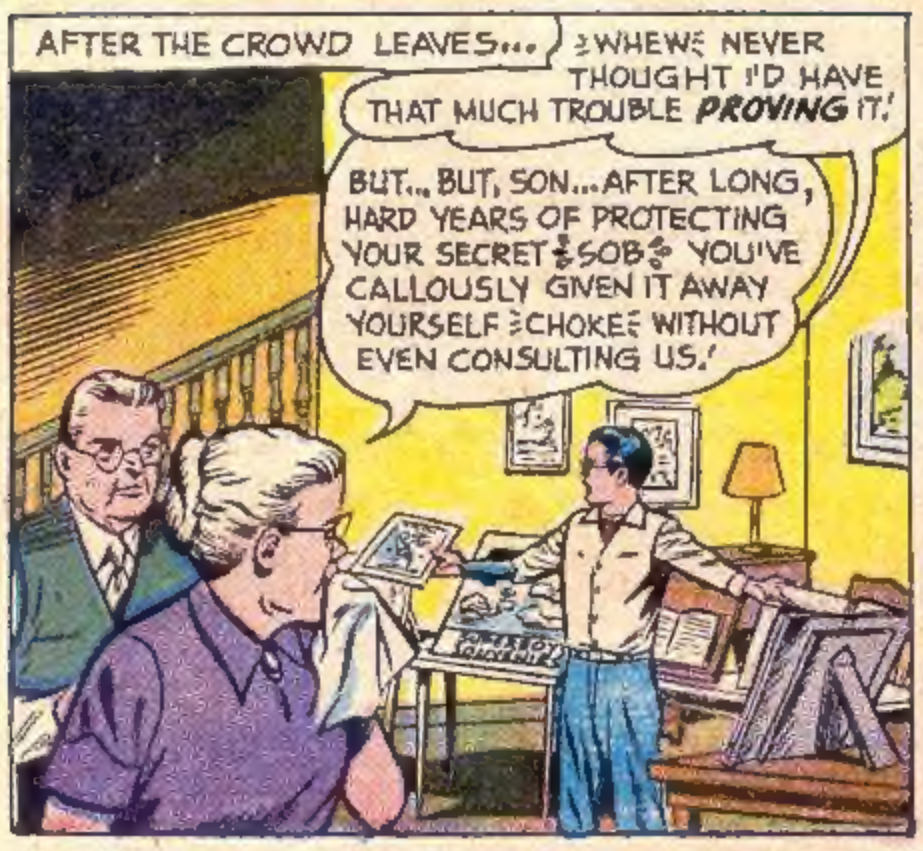
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO CONVINCE YOU ALL... THROUGH MY FOSTER PARENTS, JONATHAN AND MARTHA KENT! MEET ME AT THEIR HOME... AND BRING ALL YOUR FRIENDS!

THE INCREDIBLE NEWS SWIFTLY BUZZES THROUGH SMALLVILLE ...
HAVE YOU HEARD THAT... THAT CLARK KENT IS SUPERBOY?
LAND SAKES! IT JUST CAN'T BE TRUE!
CLARK IS GOING TO PROVE IT AT THE KENT HOME... LET'S GO!

SHORTLY AFTERWARD, TWO PEOPLE, WHO HAVE GUARDED THE GREAT SECRET FAITHFULLY, GET THE SHOCK OF THEIR LIVES...
COME ON, MOM AND DAD... I WANT YOU TO TELL EVERYBODY WHO I REALLY AM!
GREAT JUPITER, SON! YOU... YOU MUST BE JOKING!

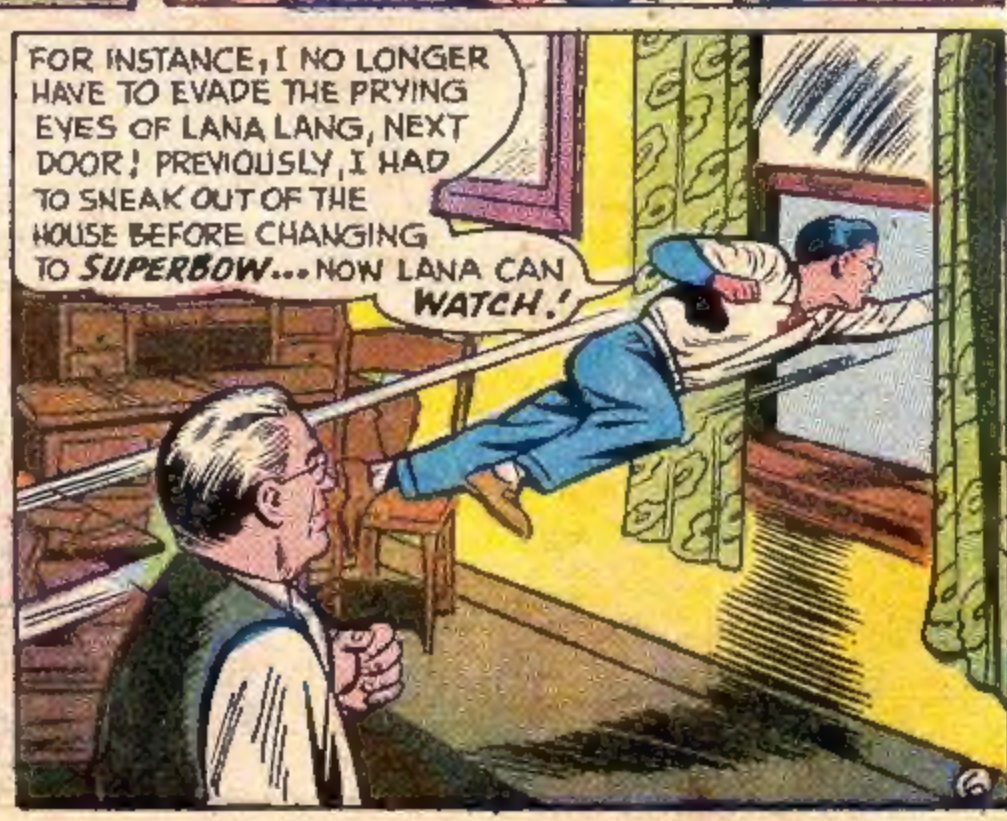

NO, I'M NOT! TELL THEM I'M SUPERBOY!
WELL, NO USE COVERING UP AFTER YOU BLURTED IT OUT YOURSELF! YES, FRIENDS, MARTHA AND I HAVE BEEN THE PROUD FOSTER PARENTS OF SUPERBOY, EVER SINCE HE CAME TO EARTH!


AS FINAL PROOF, CLARK OPENS THE HOUSE TO THE CROWD, DISPLAYING RECORDS KEPT SECRET FROM THE WORLD...
MY SCRAPBOOK... MY DIARY... MY SECRET SUPERBOY SOUVENIRS! WHO ELSE BUT MOM AND DAD KENT COULD HAVE THESE GENUINE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUPER-BABY?
GOODNESS...THERE'S NO DOUBT NOW THAT SUPERBOY WAS RAISED HERE UNDER THE GUISE OF CLARK KENT!
DIARY OF SUPERBOY
SUPERBOY SOUVENIRS
SCRAPBOOK OF CLARK (SUPERBOY) KENT


AFTER THE CROWD LEAVES...
WHEW! NEVER THOUGHT I'D HAVE THAT MUCH TROUBLE PROVING IT!
BUT... BUT, SON...AFTER LONG, HARD YEARS OF PROTECTING YOUR SECRET! SOB! YOU'VE CALLOUSLY GIVEN IT AWAY YOURSELF! CHOKE! WITHOUT EVEN CONSULTING US!

WHY IN THE WORLD DID YOU DO IT, SON?
WELL, GUARDING MY SECRET IDENTITY WAS A LOT OF TROUBLE FOR ALL THREE OF US! I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED IF IT SERVED ANY WORTHWHILE PURPOSE AT ALL... NOW I'LL FIND OUT!

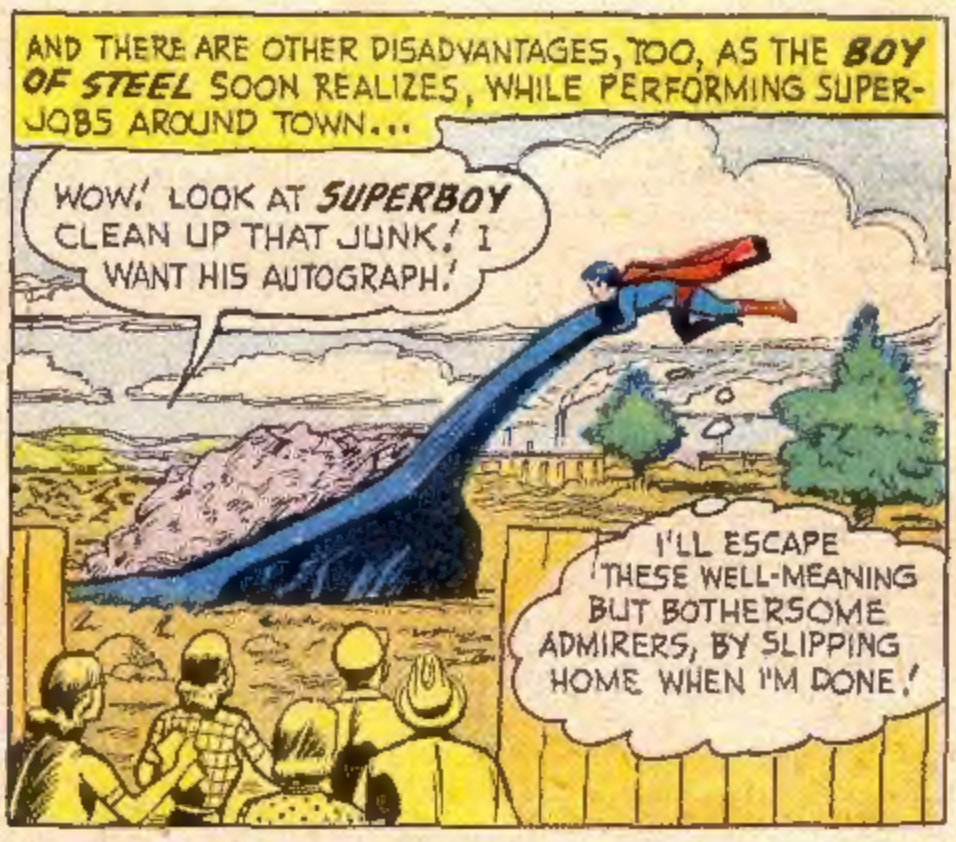
BUT NOW THAT YOU'VE REVEALED IT, SUPPOSE YOU FIND OUT IT WAS WORTHWHILE? THEN WHAT?
THEN I'VE...ER... MADE A MISTAKE! MEANWHILE, AN OPEN-IDENTITY HAS LOTS OF ADVANTAGES THAT I CAN ALREADY SEE...


FOR INSTANCE, I NO LONGER HAVE TO EVADE THE PRYING EYES OF LANA LANG, NEXT DOOR! PREVIOUSLY, I HAD TO SNEAK OUT OF THE HOUSE BEFORE CHANGING TO SUPERBOW... NOW LANA CAN WATCH!

INDEED, LANA RELISHES EVERY MOMENT OF THIS NEW "CONVENIENCE"...
WHAT A THRILL! TIME AND AGAIN I SUSPECTED YOU OF BEING SUPERBOY, BUT I COULDN'T PROVE IT!
IT WASN'T EASY FOOLING YOU EITHER, LANA! NOW I'M CHANGING FOR THE LAST TIME! THERE'S NO FURTHER REASON TO POSE AS "TIMID" CLARK KENT!

... SO I'LL SIMPLY DESTROY HIS CLOTHING, WITH THE HEAT OF MY X-RAY VISION! YOU MUST BE PROUD, LANA, KNOWING THAT YOUR SUSPICIONS TURNED OUT RIGHT!
NO SOB I'M NOT!

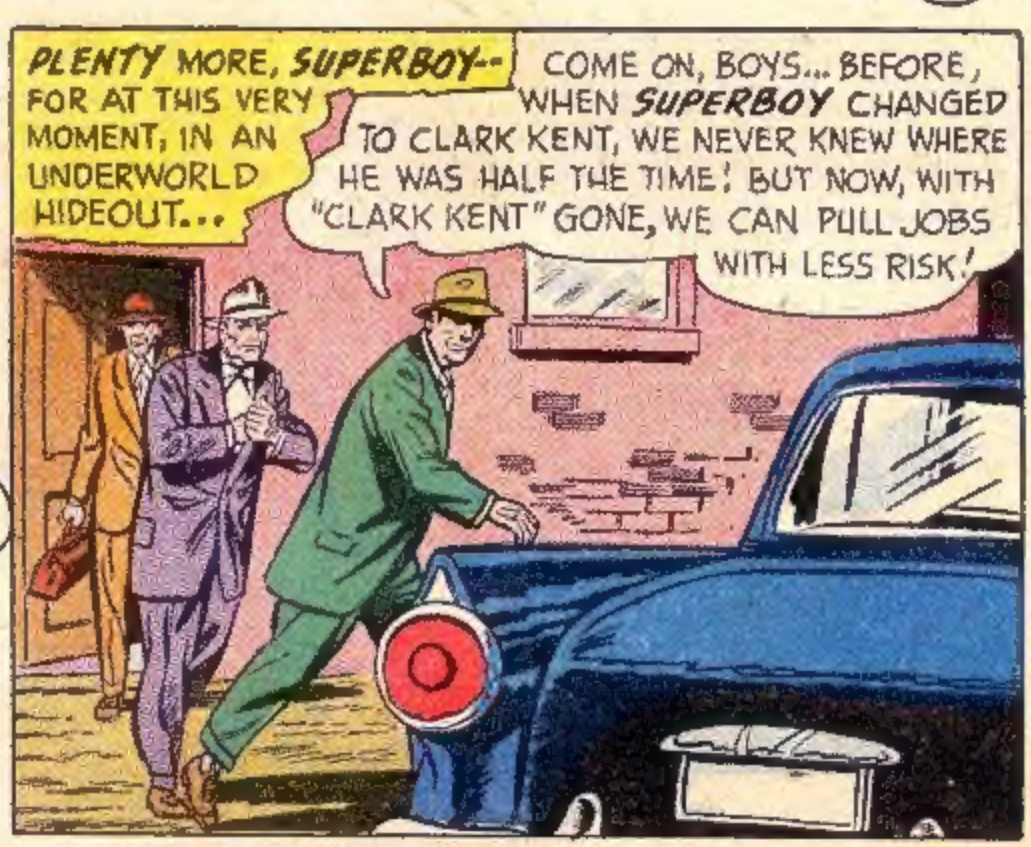
DON'T YOU SEE?... I'VE LOST A DEAR FRIEND! I GREW TO LIKE CLARK, AS IF HE WERE SOB A REAL PERSON! NOW CHOKE I'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN!
GOLLY... MAYBE ALL OF "CLARK'S" FRIENDS WILL MISS HIM! THAT'S ONE DISADVANTAGE I NEVER THOUGHT OF IN REVEALING MY SECRET IDENTITY!


AND THERE ARE OTHER DISADVANTAGES, TOO, AS THE BOY OF STEEL SOON REALIZES, WHILE PERFORMING SUPER-JOBS AROUND TOWN...
WOW! LOOK AT SUPERBOY CLEAN UP THAT JUNK! I WANT HIS AUTOGRAPH!
I'LL ESCAPE THESE WELL-MEANING BUT BOTHERSOME ADMIRERS, BY SLIPPING HOME WHEN I'M DONE!

BUT WHEN HE ARRIVES AT THE KENT HOUSEHOLD...
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOUR AUTOGRAPH, SUPERBOY! WE SURE ARE GLAD WE KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE NOW!
OMIGOSH! I... I'VE LOST MY PRIVACY!

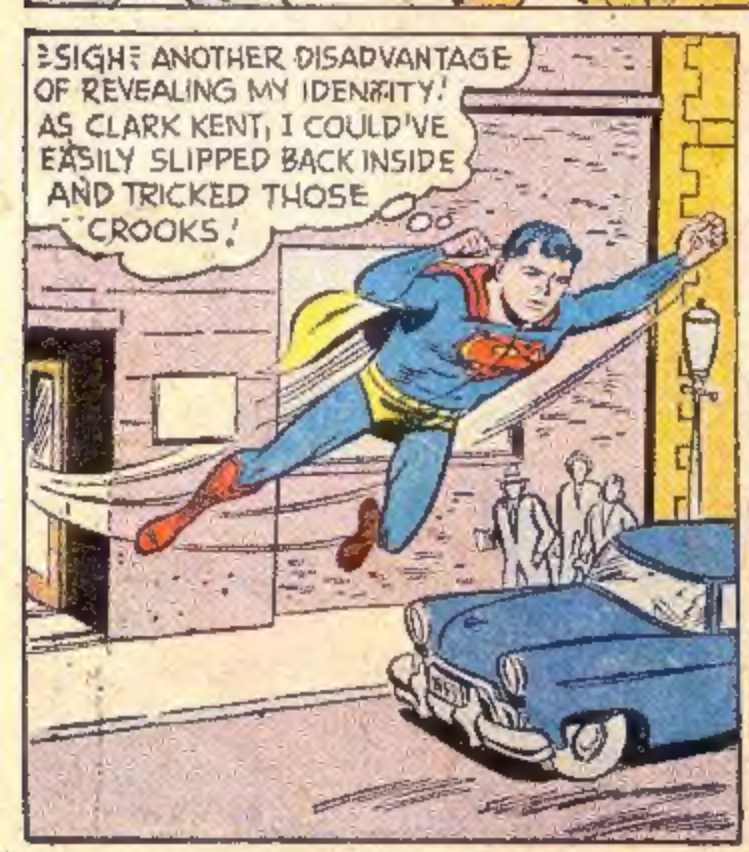
OUR HOME WILL NEVER AGAIN BE THE QUIET, HAPPY HAVEN IT ONCE WAS... AND YOU CAN'T CHANGE IT BACK NOW, SON!
GOSH, DAD-- I'M SORRY... I COULDN'T FORESEE THIS!

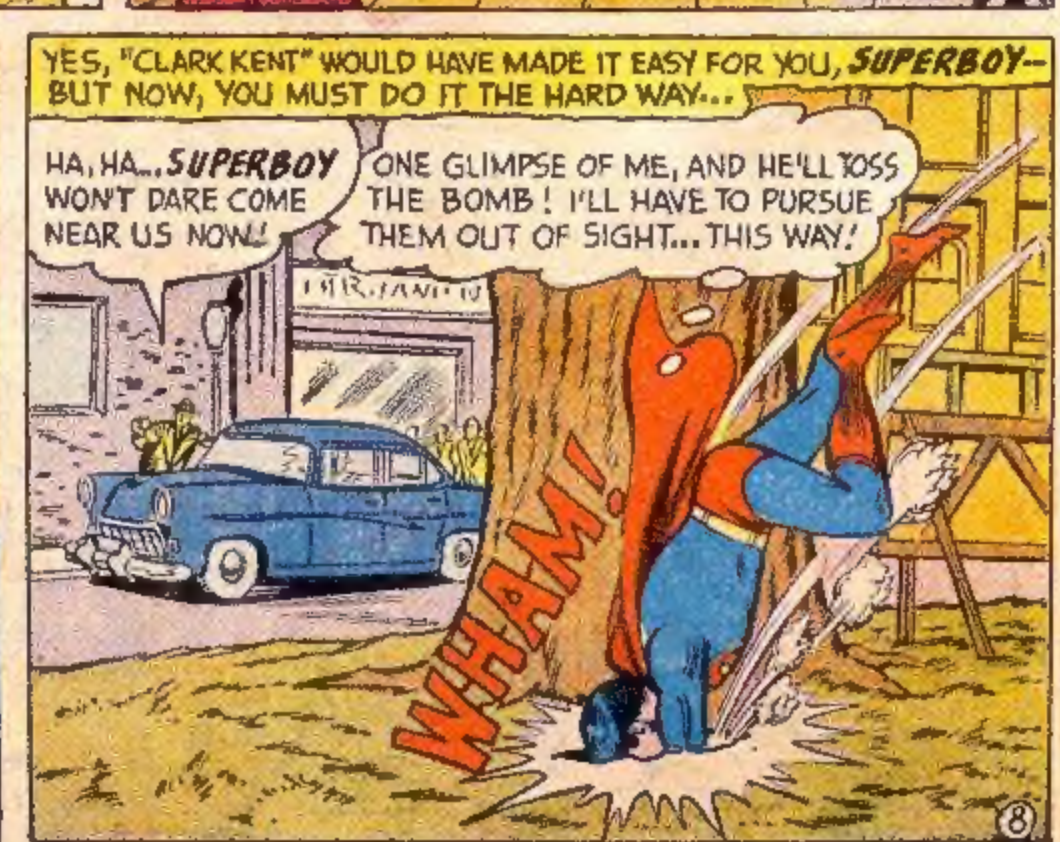
ALREADY A MENTAL LIST BEGINS TO HAUNT SUPERBOY...
BAD RESULTS OF REVEALING MY IDENTITY
#1.. "Clark Kent" missed by Lana and other chums!
#2--Losing my privacy!
IN LESS THAN AN HOUR, TWO THINGS HAVE GONE WRONG! WILL THERE BE MORE?

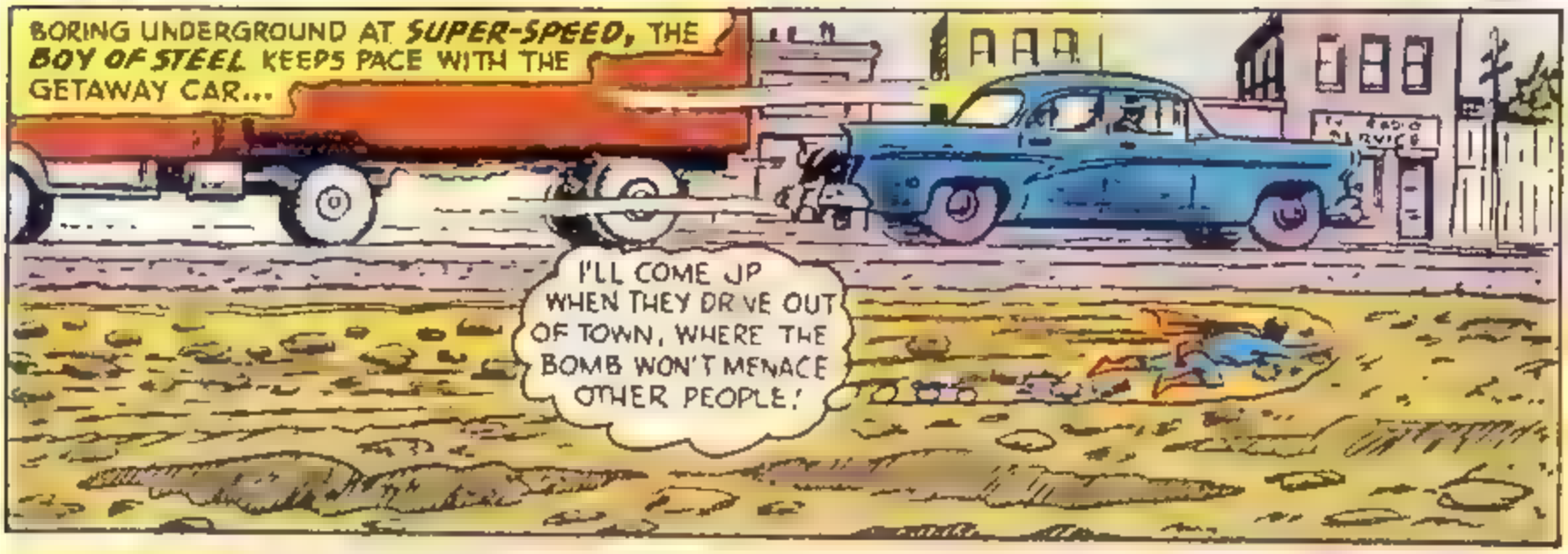

PLENTY MORE, SUPERBOY-- FOR AT THIS VERY MOMENT, IN AN UNDERWORLD HIDEOUT...
COME ON, BOYS... BEFORE, WHEN SUPERBOY CHANGED TO CLARK KENT, WE NEVER KNEW WHERE HE WAS HALF THE TIME! BUT NOW, WITH "CLARK KENT" GONE, WE CAN PULL JOBS WITH LESS RISK!

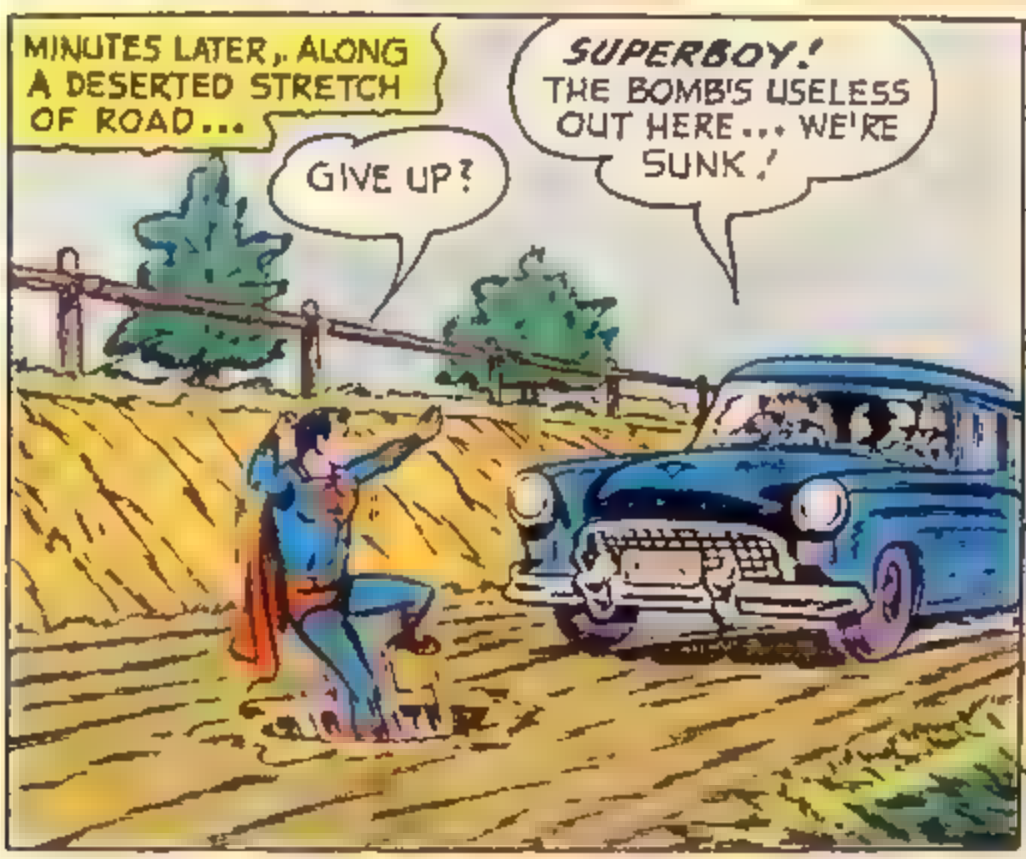
PRESENTLY...
GET IT?... WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT "CLARK KENT" PASSING BY! AS LONG AS SUPERBOY HIMSELF ISN'T IN SIGHT, WE CAN STRIKE!
SMALLVILLE BANK

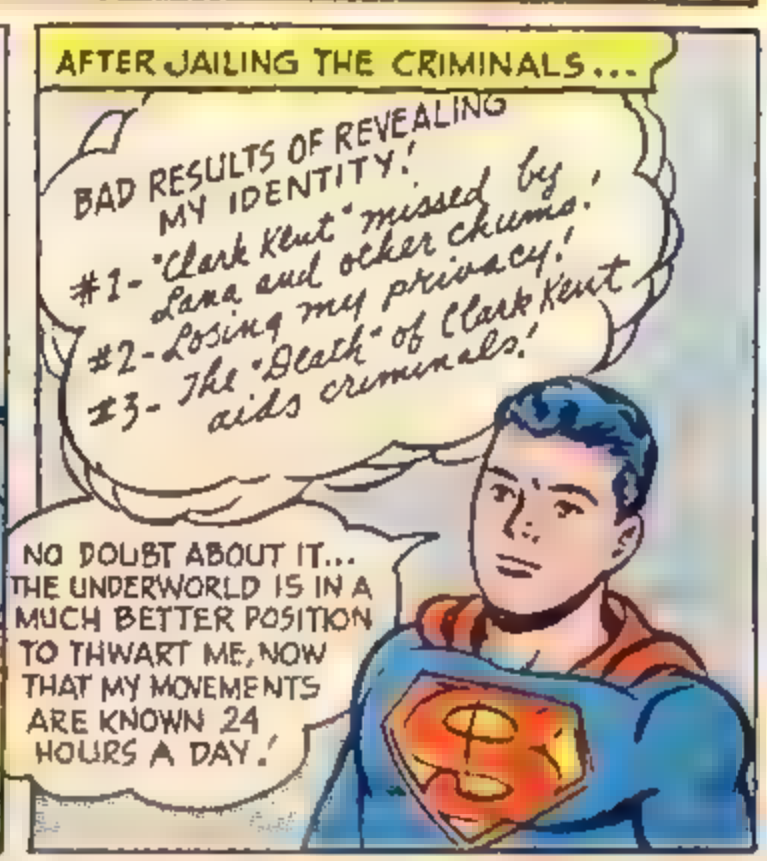
TELESCOPIC VISION QUICKLY SPOTS THE CRIME--BUT, WHEN SUPERBOY STREAKS TO THE RESCUE...
HOLD IT, SUPERBOY, OR I'LL TOSS THIS BOMB!
OH, OH--CAN'T RISK INNOCENT LIVES! GOT TO LEAVE...


SIGH! ANOTHER DISADVANTAGE OF REVEALING MY IDENTITY! AS CLARK KENT, I COULD'VE EASILY SLIPPED BACK INSIDE AND TRICKED THOSE CROOKS!

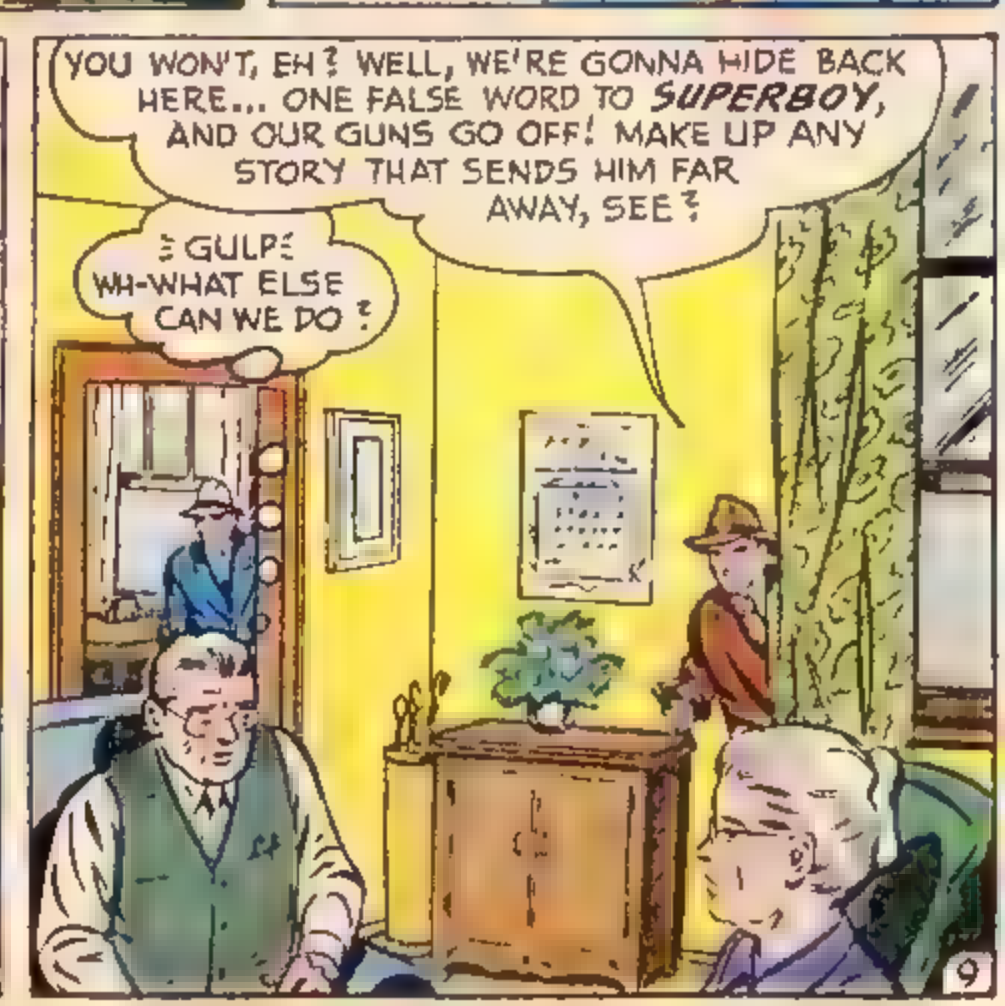

YES, "CLARK KENT" WOULD HAVE MADE IT EASY FOR YOU, SUPERBOY-- BUT NOW, YOU MUST DO IT THE HARD WAY...
HA, HA... SUPERBOY WON'T DARE COME NEAR US NOW!
ONE GLIMPSE OF ME, AND HE'LL TOSS THE BOMB! I'LL HAVE TO PURSUE THEM OUT OF SIGHT... THIS WAY!
WHAM!

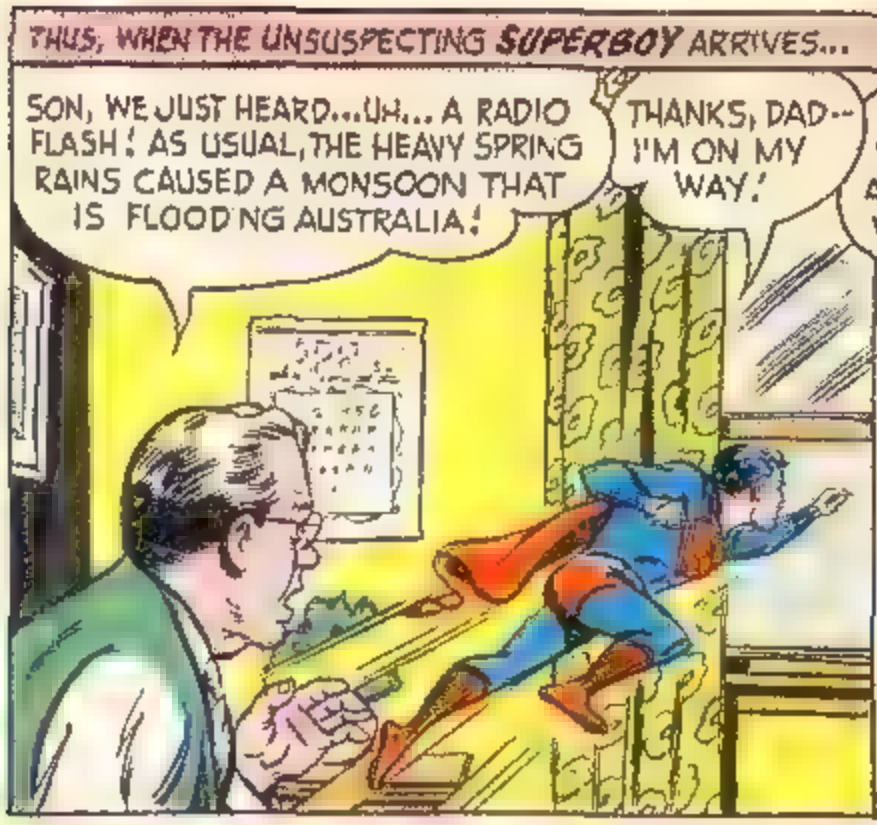

BORING UNDERGROUND AT SUPER-SPEED, THE BOY OF STEEL KEEPS PACE WITH THE GETAWAY CAR...
I'LL COME UP WHEN THEY DRIVE OUT OF TOWN, WHERE THE BOMB WON'T MENACE OTHER PEOPLE!

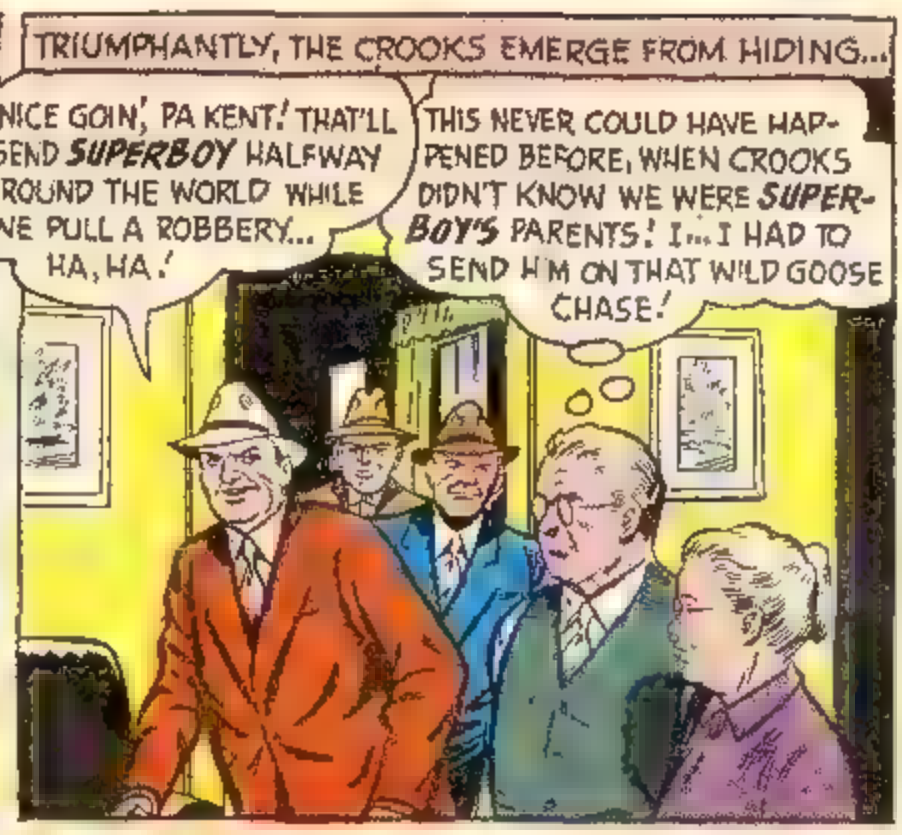

MINUTES LATER, ALONG A DESERTED STRETCH OF ROAD...
GIVE UP?
SUPERBOY! THE BOMB'S USELESS OUT HERE... WE'RE SUNK!


AFTER JAILING THE CRIMINALS...
BAD RESULTS OF REVEALING MY IDENTITY!
#1- "Clark Kent" missed by Lana and other chums!
#2- Losing my privacy!
#3- The "Death" of Clark Kent aids criminals!
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT... THE UNDERWORLD IS IN A MUCH BETTER POSITION TO THWART ME, NOW THAT MY MOVEMENTS ARE KNOWN 24 HOURS A DAY!

AND THAT ISN'T THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE VULNERABLE, SUPERBOY, AS MOM AND DAD KENT ARE FINDING OUT RIGHT NOW...
LISTEN, YOU TWO... WHEN YOUR SON, SUPERBOY, COMES HOME, YOU SEND HIM ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE... WHILE WE PULL A CRIME!
NO... WE WON'T DO IT!


YOU WON'T, EH? WELL, WE'RE GONNA HIDE BACK HERE... ONE FALSE WORD TO SUPERBOY, AND OUR GUNS GO OFF! MAKE UP ANY STORY THAT SENDS HIM FAR AWAY, SEE?
GULP! WH-WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?


THUS, WHEN THE UNSUSPECTING SUPERBOY ARRIVES...
SON, WE JUST HEARD...UH... A RADIO FLASH! AS USUAL, THE HEAVY SPRING RAINS CAUSED A MONSOON THAT IS FLOODING AUSTRALIA!
THANKS, DAD-- I'M ON MY WAY!


TRIUMPHANTLY, THE CROOKS EMERGE FROM HIDING...
NICE GOIN', PA KENT! THAT'LL SEND SUPERBOY HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD WHILE WE PULL A ROBBERY... HA, HA!
THIS NEVER COULD HAVE HAPPENED BEFORE, WHEN CROOKS DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE SUPERBOY'S PARENTS! I...I HAD TO SEND HIM ON THAT WILD GOOSE CHASE!

BUT AWHILE LATER, AS THE THIEVES ATTEMPT A HOLDUP...
SUPERBOY IS 10,000 MILES AWAY... HA, HA!
GUESS AGAIN, BOYS... I WASN'T EVEN ONE MILE AWAY! I KNEW THERE WAS NO FLOOD IN AUSTRALIA!
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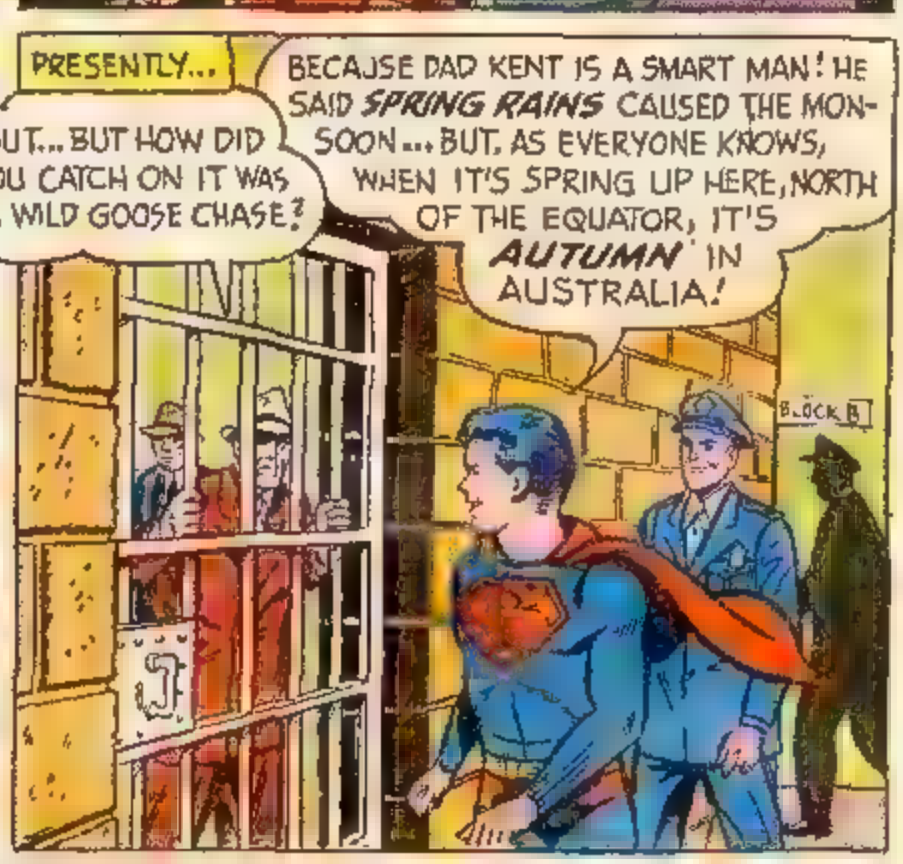
PRESENTLY...
BUT...BUT HOW DID YOU CATCH ON IT WAS A WILD GOOSE CHASE?
BECAUSE DAD KENT IS A SMART MAN! HE SAID SPRING RAINS CAUSED THE MONSOON... BUT, AS EVERYONE KNOWS, WHEN IT'S SPRING UP HERE, NORTH OF THE EQUATOR, IT'S AUTUMN IN AUSTRALIA!
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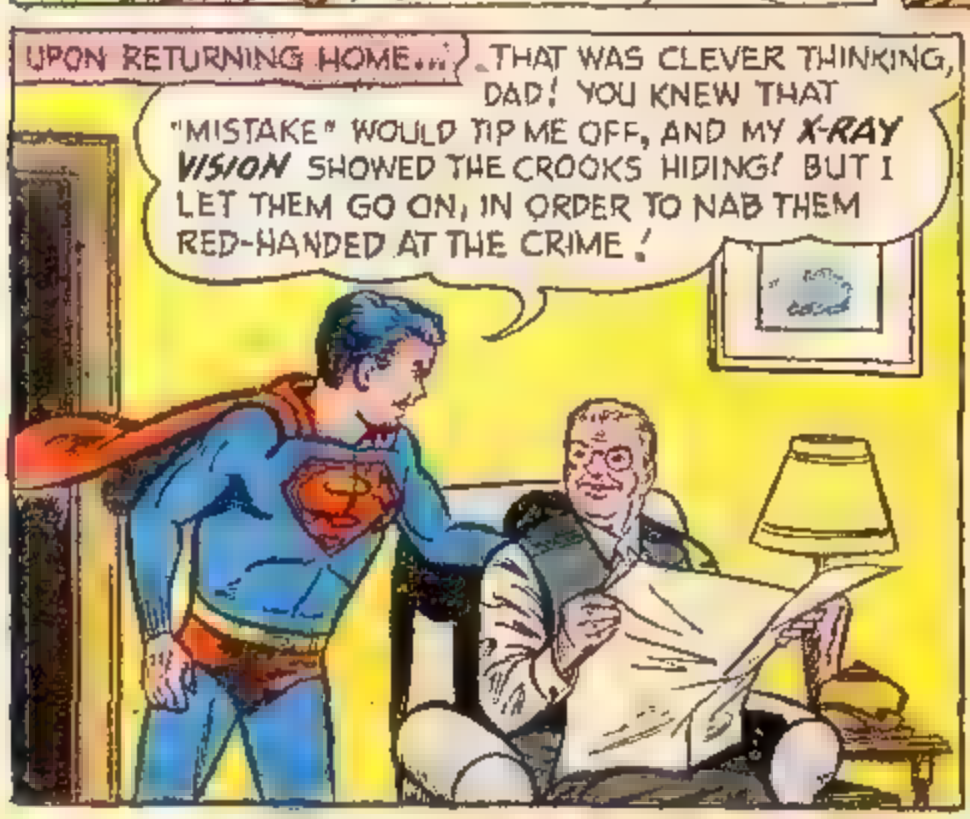
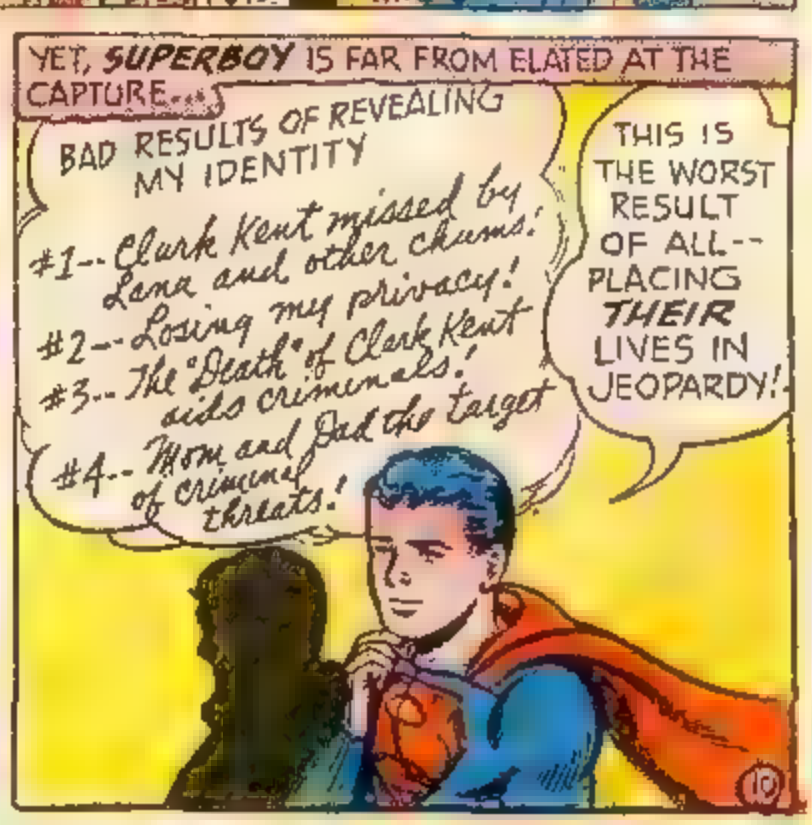

UPON RETURNING HOME...
THAT WAS CLEVER THINKING, DAD! YOU KNEW THAT "MISTAKE" WOULD TIP ME OFF, AND MY X-RAY VISION SHOWED THE CROOKS HIDING! BUT I LET THEM GO ON, IN ORDER TO NAB THEM RED-HANDED AT THE CRIME!


YET, SUPERBOY IS FAR FROM ELATED AT THE CAPTURE...
BAD RESULTS OF REVEALING MY IDENTITY
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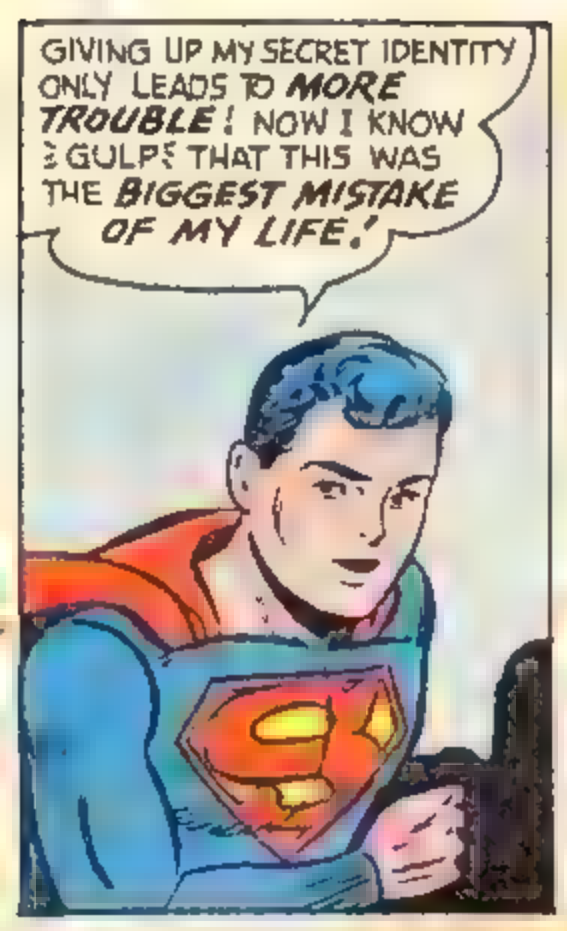
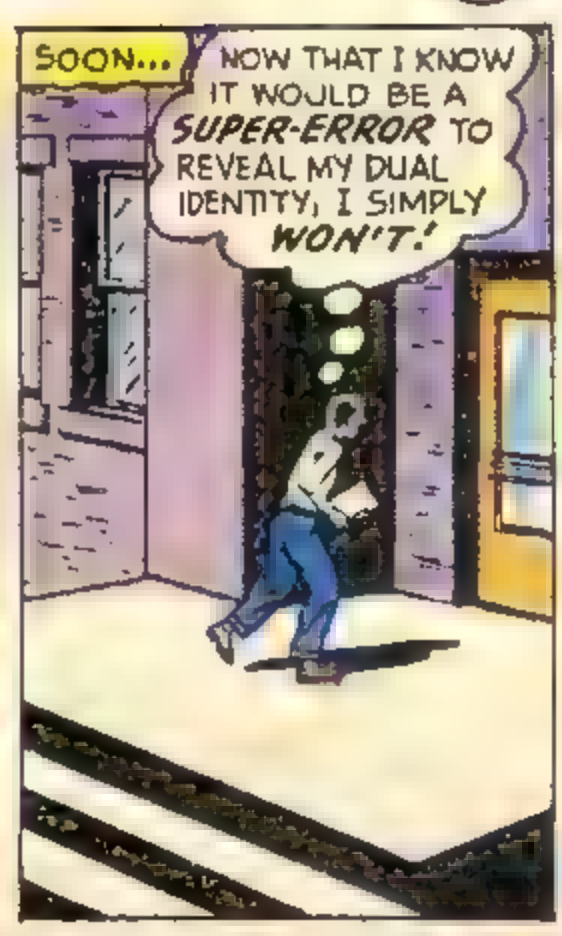
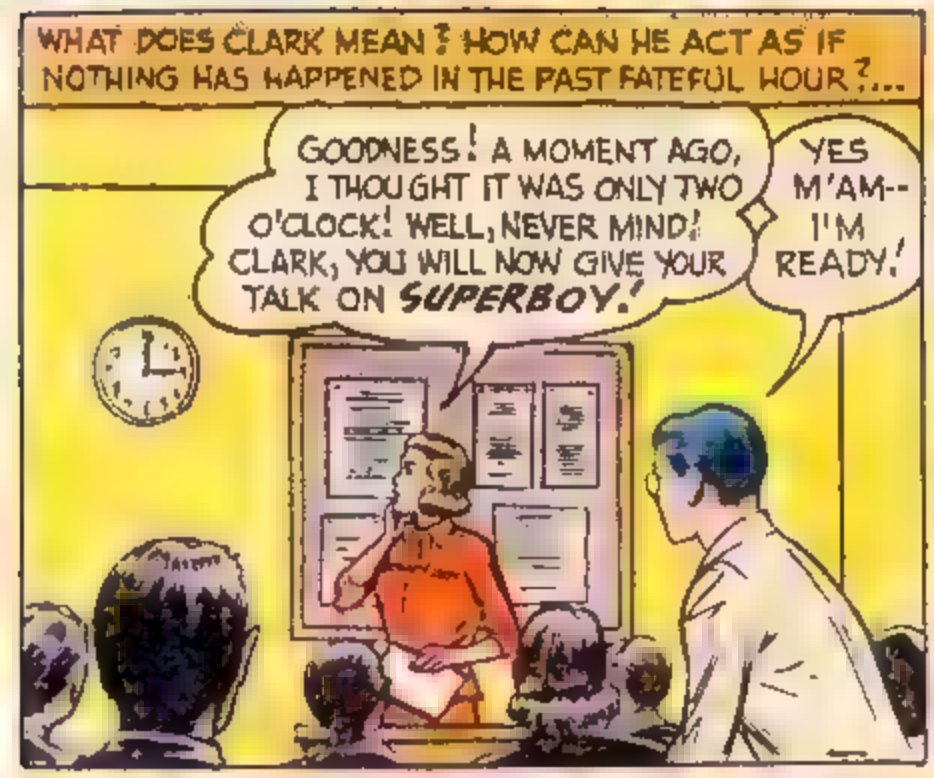
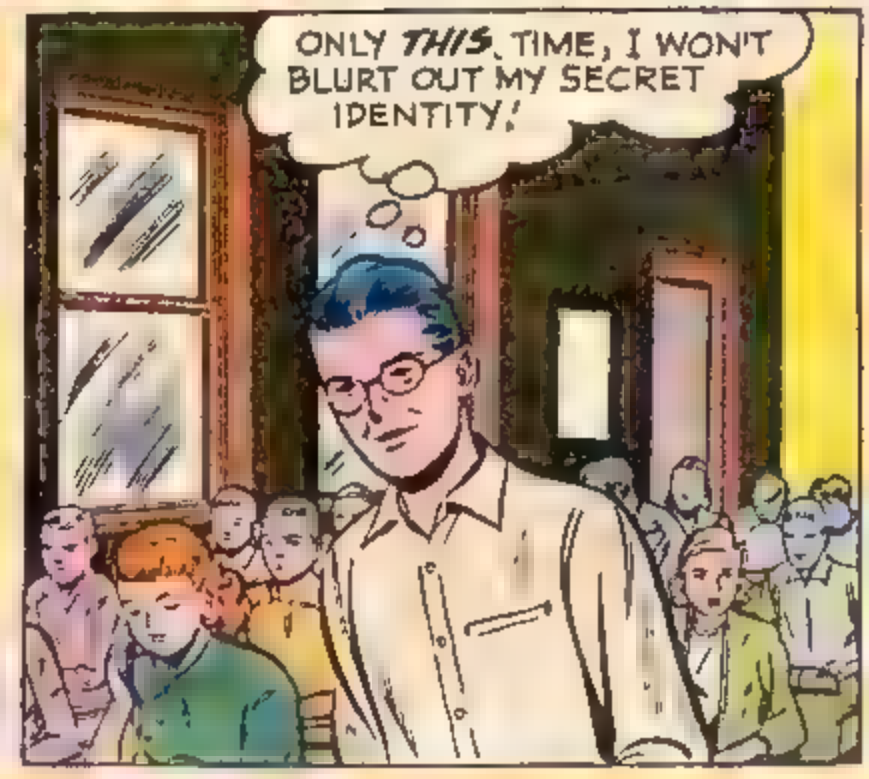
#2-- Losing my privacy!
#3-- The "Death" of Clark Kent aids criminals!
#4-- Mom and Dad the target of criminal threats!
THIS IS THE WORST RESULT OF ALL-- PLACING THEIR LIVES IN JEOPARDY!

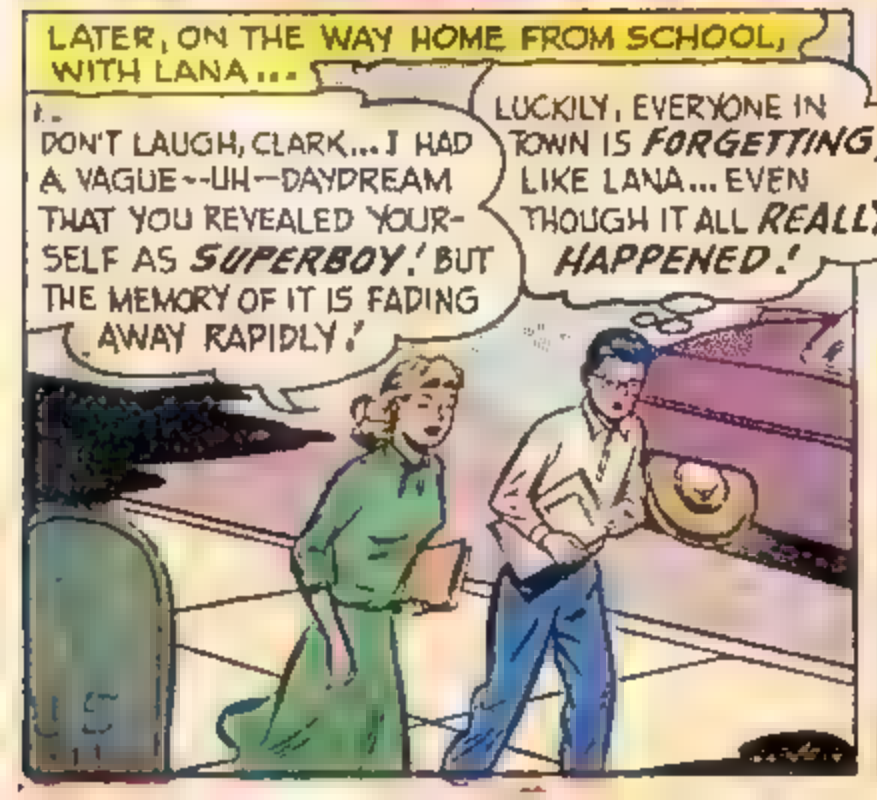

GIVING UP MY SECRET IDENTITY ONLY LEADS TO MORE TROUBLE! NOW I KNOW {GULP} THAT THIS WAS THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF MY LIFE!

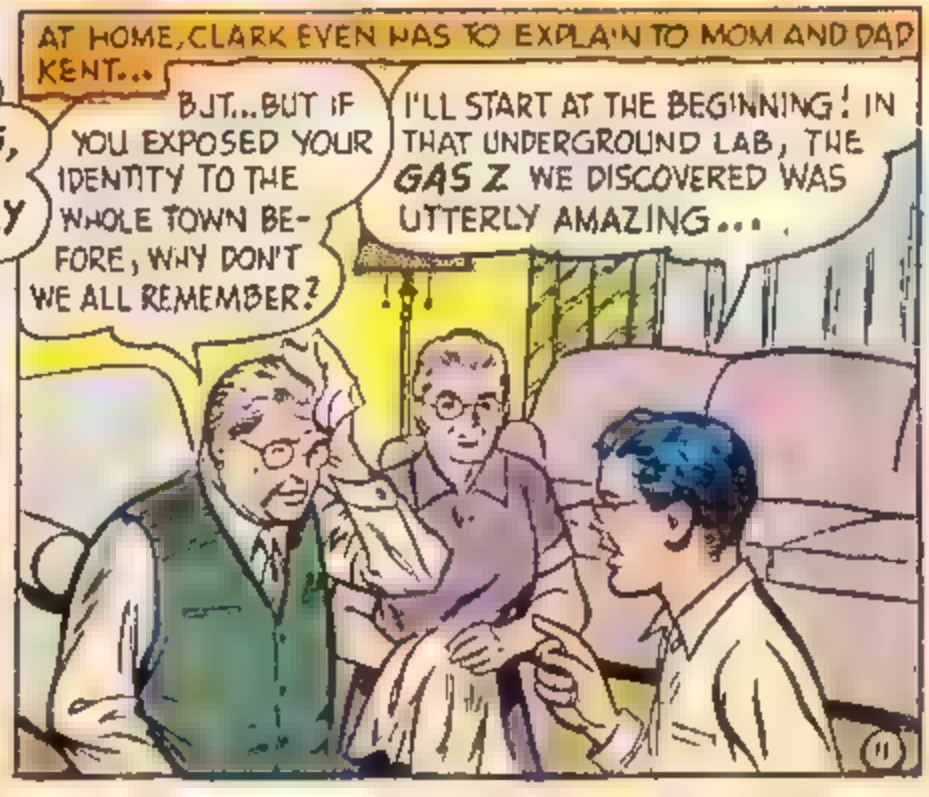
BUT WHY ARE YOU SWITCHING TO ANOTHER CLARK KENT OUTFIT, SUPERBOY?...
THIS ALL STARTED AN HOUR AGO, IN SCHOOL--AND A BAD HOUR IT WAS! I'LL GO BACK AND START OVER!


SOON...
NOW THAT I KNOW IT WOULD BE A SUPER-ERROR TO REVEAL MY DUAL IDENTITY, I SIMPLY WON'T!


WHAT DOES CLARK MEAN? HOW CAN HE ACT AS IF NOTHING HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST FATEFUL HOUR?...
GOODNESS! A MOMENT AGO, I THOUGHT IT WAS ONLY TWO O'CLOCK! WELL, NEVER MIND! CLARK, YOU WILL NOW GIVE YOUR TALK ON SUPERBOY!
YES M'AM--I'M READY!


ONLY THIS TIME, I WON'T BLURT OUT MY SECRET IDENTITY!


LATER, ON THE WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL, WITH LANA...
DON'T LAUGH, CLARK... I HAD A VAGUE--UH--DAYDREAM THAT YOU REVEALED YOURSELF AS SUPERBOY! BUT THE MEMORY OF IT IS FADING AWAY RAPIDLY!
LUCKILY, EVERYONE IN TOWN IS FORGETTING, LIKE LANA... EVEN THOUGH IT ALL REALLY HAPPENED!


AT HOME, CLARK EVEN HAS TO EXPLAIN TO MOM AND DAD KENT...
BUT...BUT IF YOU EXPOSED YOUR IDENTITY TO THE WHOLE TOWN BEFORE, WHY DON'T WE ALL REMEMBER?
I'LL START AT THE BEGINNING! IN THAT UNDERGROUND LAB, THE GAS Z WE DISCOVERED WAS UTTERLY AMAZING...

"... AS WE DISCOVERED WHEN ONE OF THE SCIENTISTS' GAS-MASKS FAILED, AND HE GOT A MERE WHIFF OF IT!"

YOU SAY I DID MY WORK ALL RIGHT IN THE LAST HOUR? BUT I DON'T REMEMBER A THING!

GREAT SCOTT! IT'S AN *AMNESIA GAS* THAT CAN WIPE OUT ALL MEMORY OF THE PREVIOUS HOUR!

"LATER, IN CLASS, AS I CHECKED BACK TO THE LAB WITH *TELESCOPIC VISION*...

GOLLY--! ONE OF THE TANKS IS LEAKING! THE GAS WILL SEEP UP THROUGH FISSURES IN THE GROUND, THROUGHOUT SMALLVILLE! EVERYONE WILL BREATHE THE *AMNESIA GAS!*

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"SINCE THE GAS WAS OTHERWISE HARMLESS, I STRUCK ON A UNIQUE IDEA..."

?SNIFF? HERE COME THE VAPORS NOW! THEY DON'T AFFECT ME, BUT EVERYONE ELSE WILL FORGET ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS IN THE NEXT HOUR! THAT MEANS I COULD *REVEAL MY IDENTITY* WITHOUT FEAR! AN HOUR FROM NOW, IT WOULD BE *FORGOTTEN!*

GET IT? THAT WAS MY GOLDEN CHANCE TO FIND OUT, ONCE AND FOR ALL, IF EXPOSING MY IDENTITY WOULD BE *GOOD*... OR *BAD!*

AND HOW DID IT TURN OUT, SON?

BAD... VERY BAD! KEEPING MY SECRET MAY BE TROUBLESOME AT TIMES, BUT REVEALING IT WOULD GET ME IN REAL HOT WATER! I CAN BE *SURE* OF THAT NOW!

AND SO, THAT EVENING, AS THE KENT FAMILY RELAXES AT HOME...

HAPPY, SON?

I SURE AM! OTHER THINGS ASIDE, THIS IS WHAT I'D MISS MOST... BEING ALONE WITH, MOM AND DAD!

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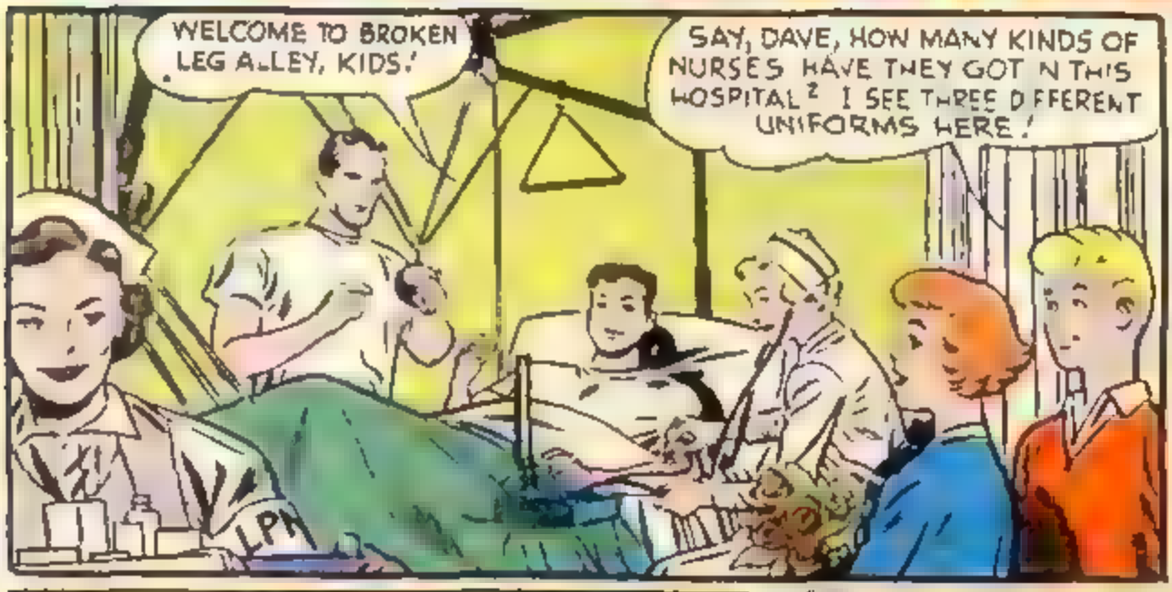

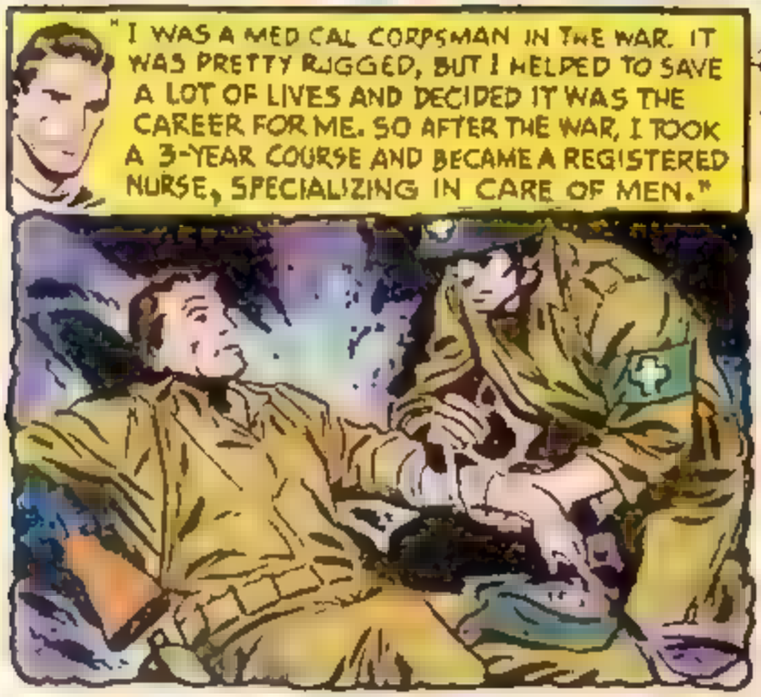

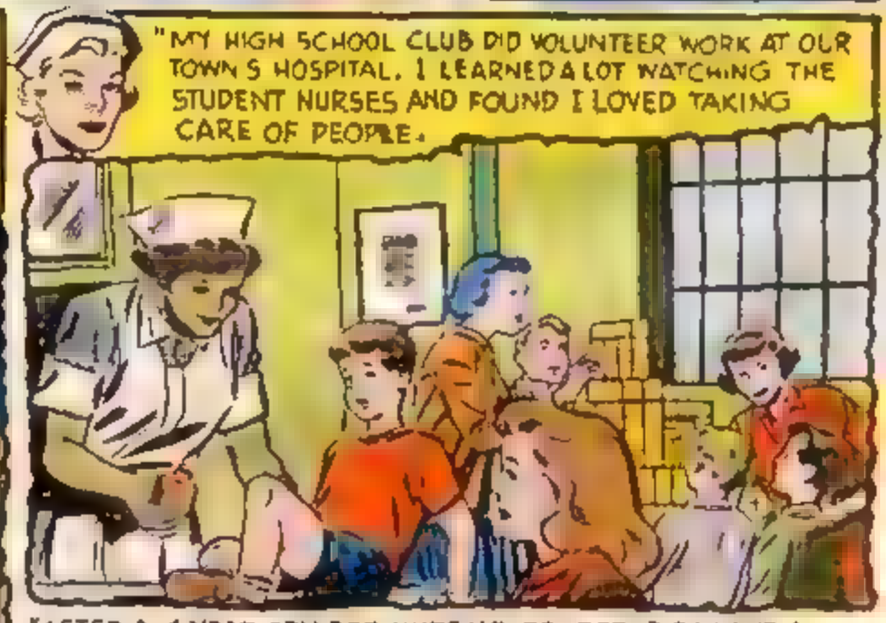

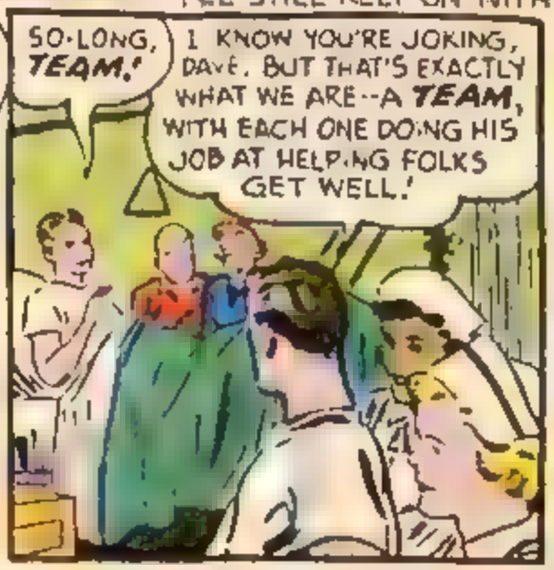

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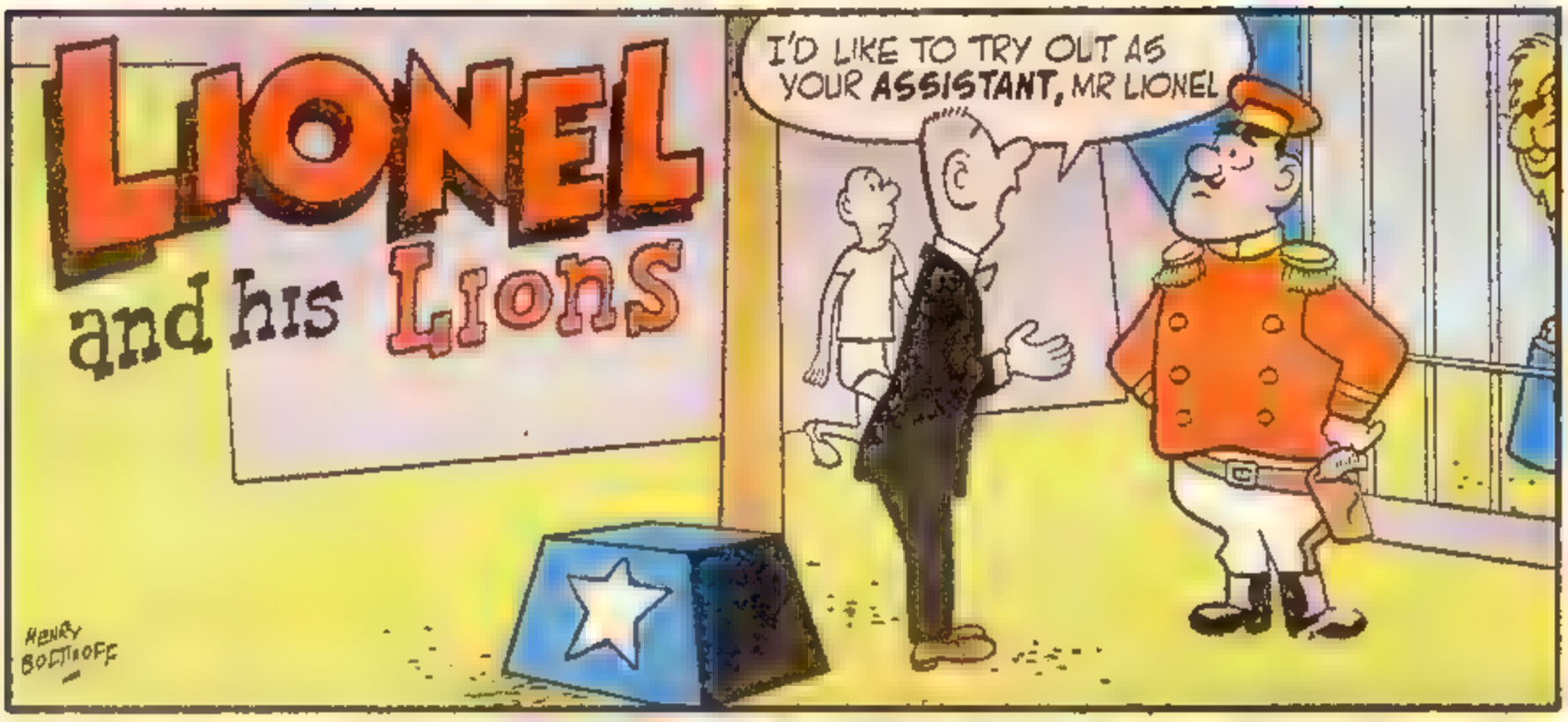
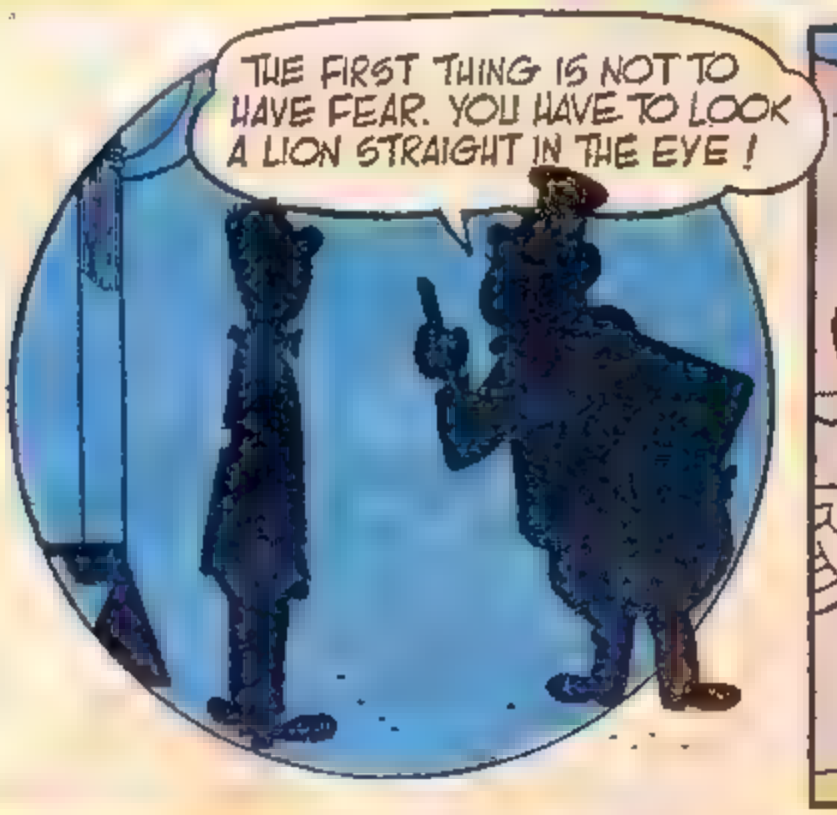
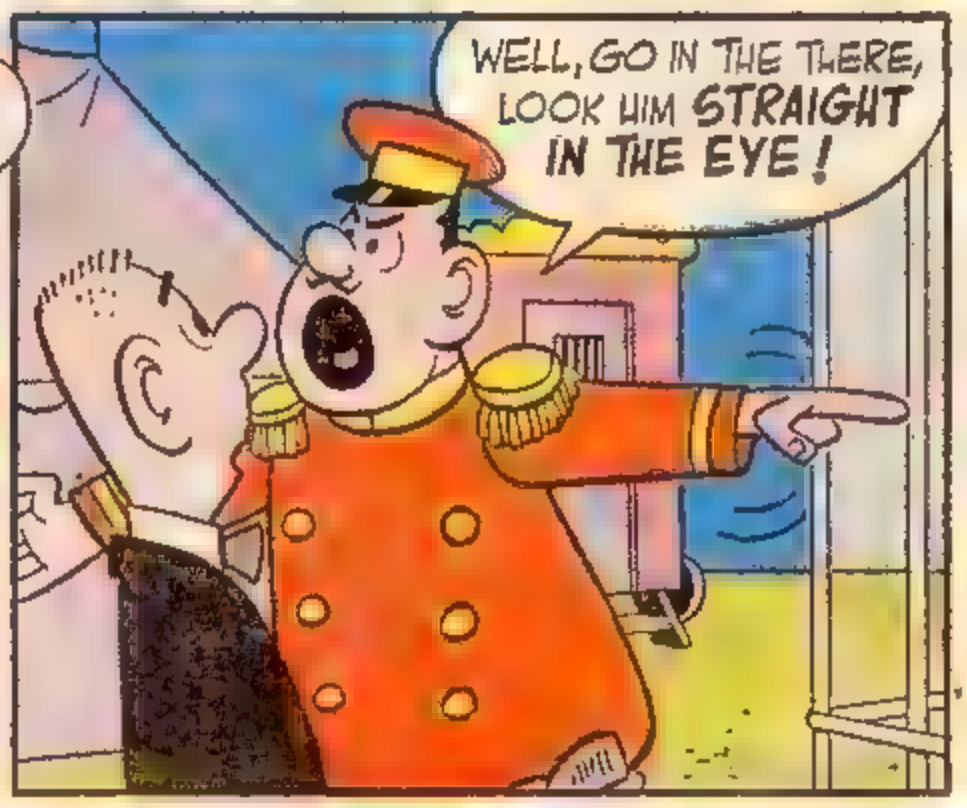
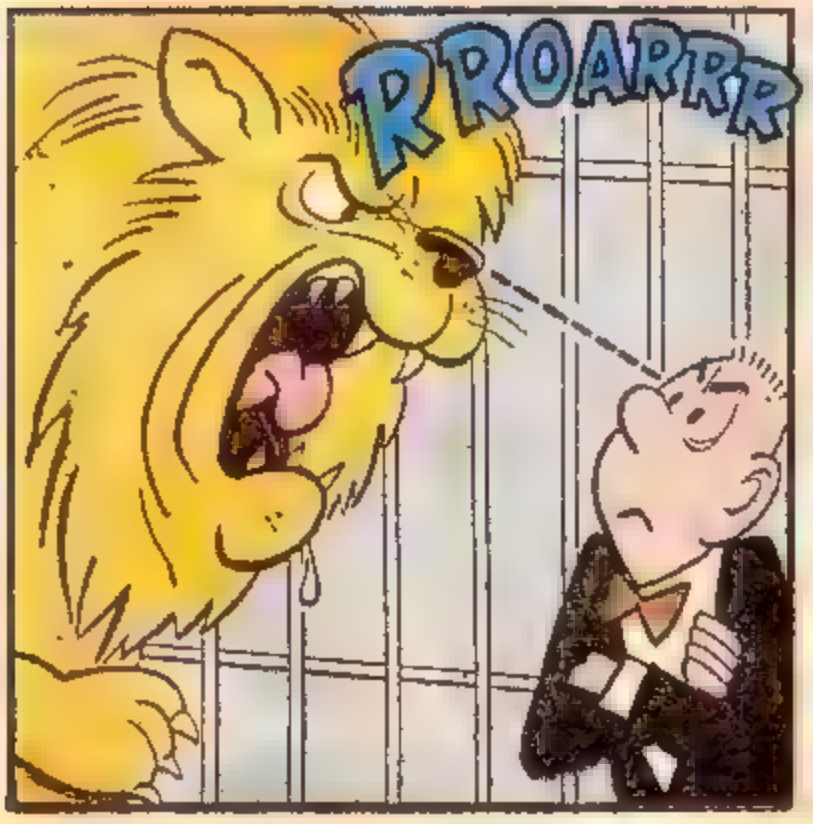
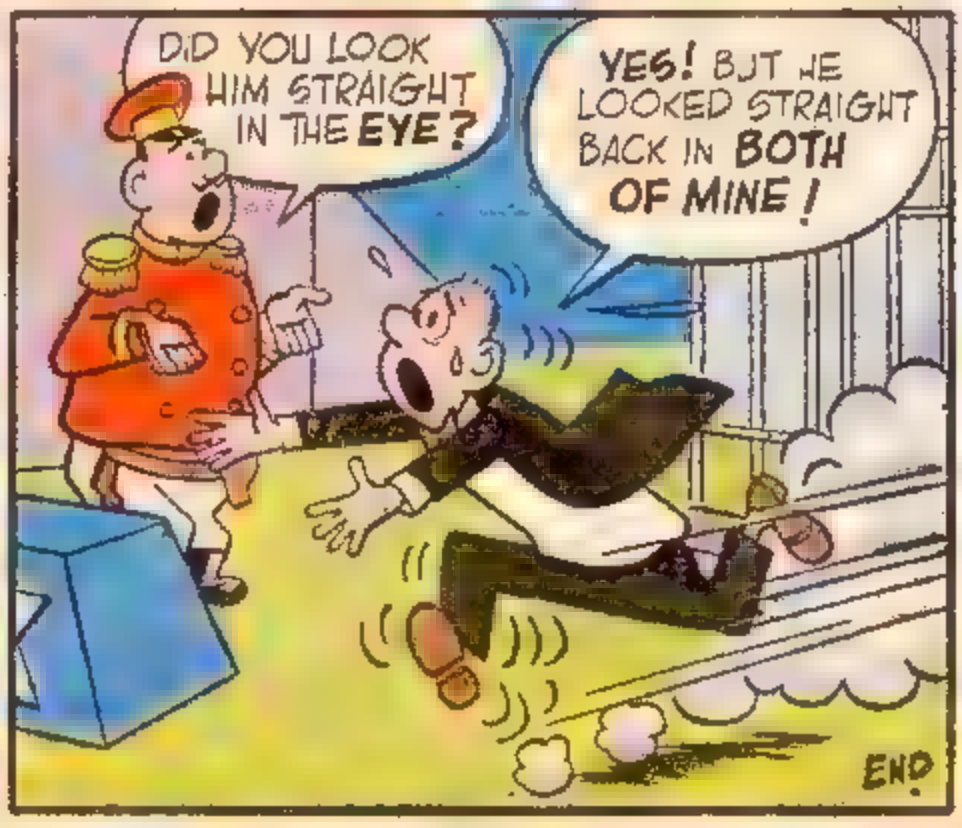










AQUAMAN

THE FAMED AQUAMAN HAS ALWAYS LENT HIS EXPERT ASSISTANCE TO TV SHOWS WISHING TO FILM SEA STORIES. BUT NOW, INSTEAD OF STICKING TO A SCRIPT, HE PROCEEDS TO **RUIN** ONE PROGRAM AFTER ANOTHER, FOR NO APPARENT REASON EXCEPT TO BROADCAST HIS MASTERY OVER CREATURES OF THE DEEP! INDEED, IT IS NOT LONG BEFORE HE'S KNOWN AS

THE SHOW-OFF OF THE SEA

ZTV

FOR PETE'S SAKE AQUAMAN! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE **COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO**, NOT THE **SEA KING!**

ON THE HIGH SEAS, PASSENGERS ABOARD AN OCEAN LINER STARE IN AMAZEMENT AT A DREADED REVENAGER OF BYGONE YEARS...

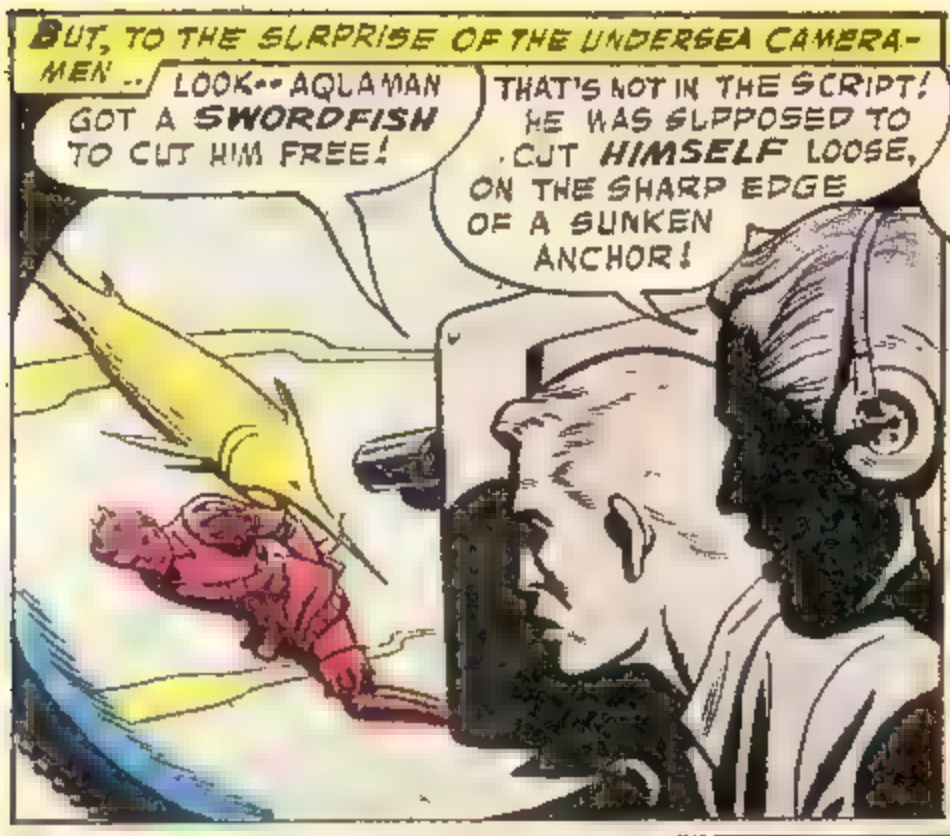
IT'S--IT'S A PIRATE SHIP!

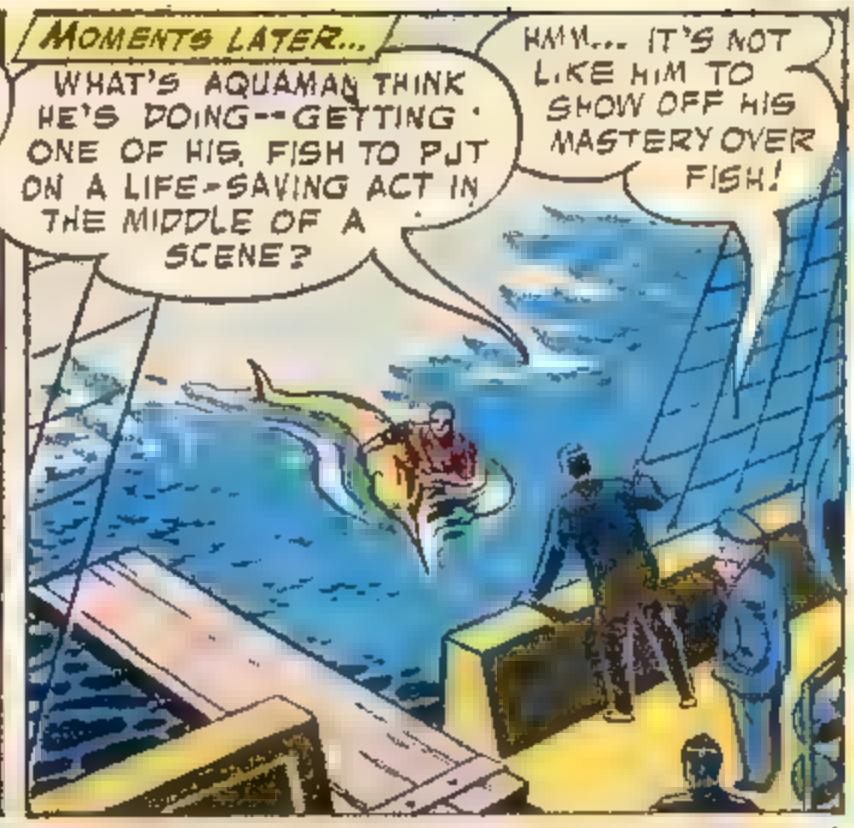
BUT A CLOSER LOOK REVEALS IT'S ONLY A **PROP**--FOR THE FAMOUS TV SHOW "**YOU SAW IT HAPPEN!**"

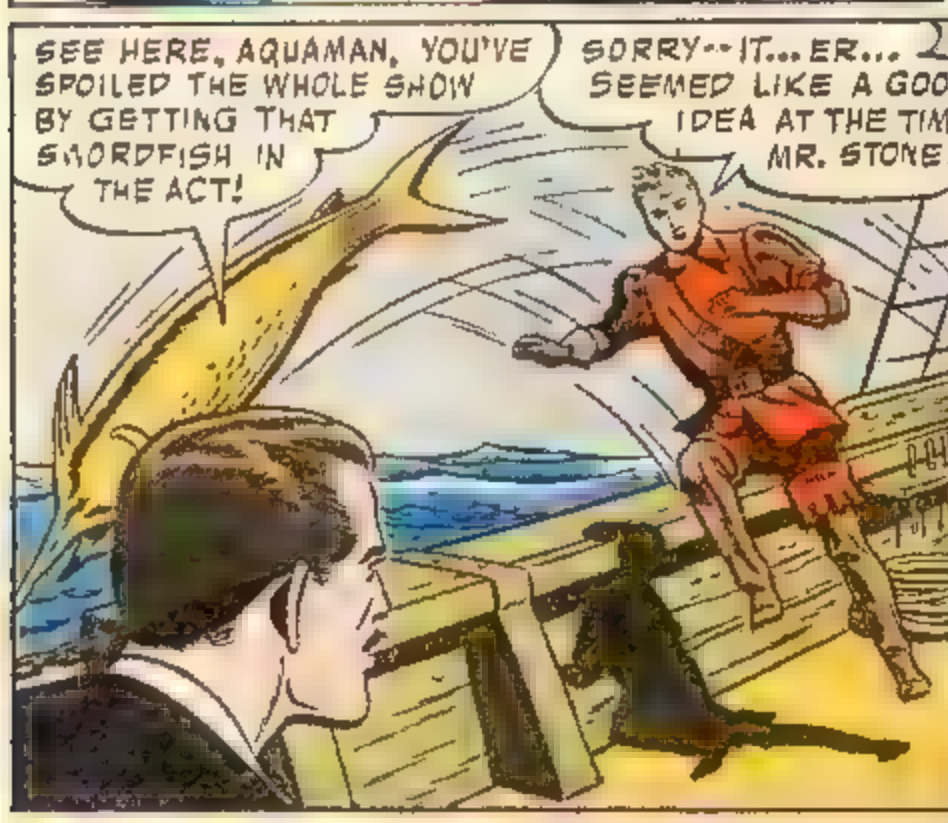
WE'RE ALL SET TO FILM THE NIGHT SHOTS FOR THE **CAPTAIN KIDD** PROGRAM! THEN WE'LL FOLLOW WITH THE **COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO**--AND FINALLY, **MOBY DICK!**

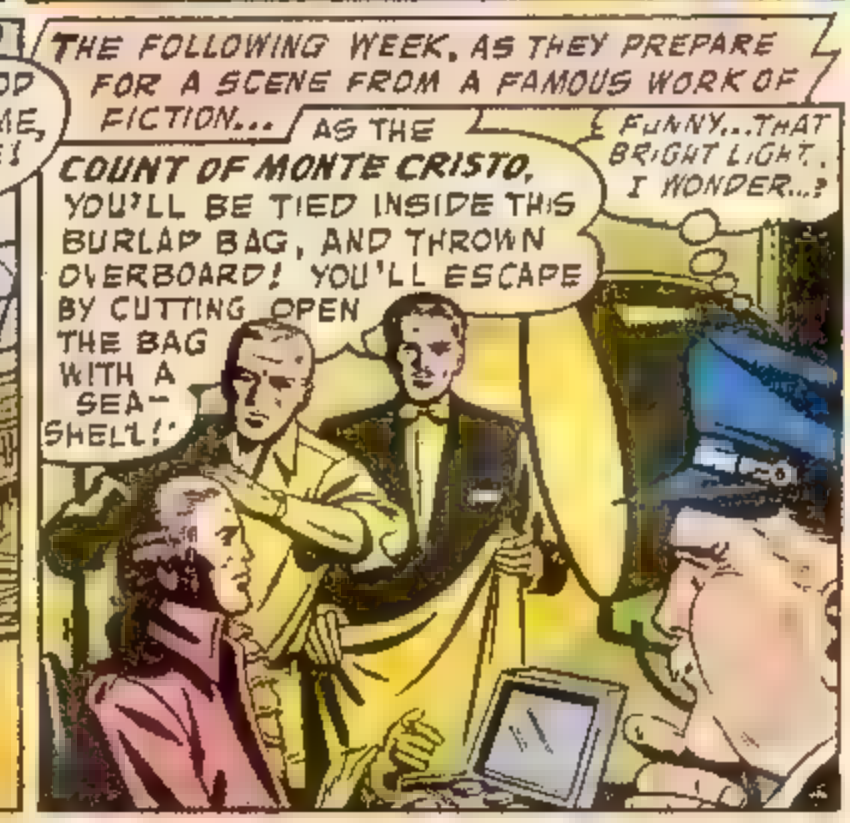
BUT WHERE'S **AQUAMAN**, MR. STONE? HE PROMISED HE'D COME HELP US, BY ACTING OUT THE DANGEROUS PARTS!

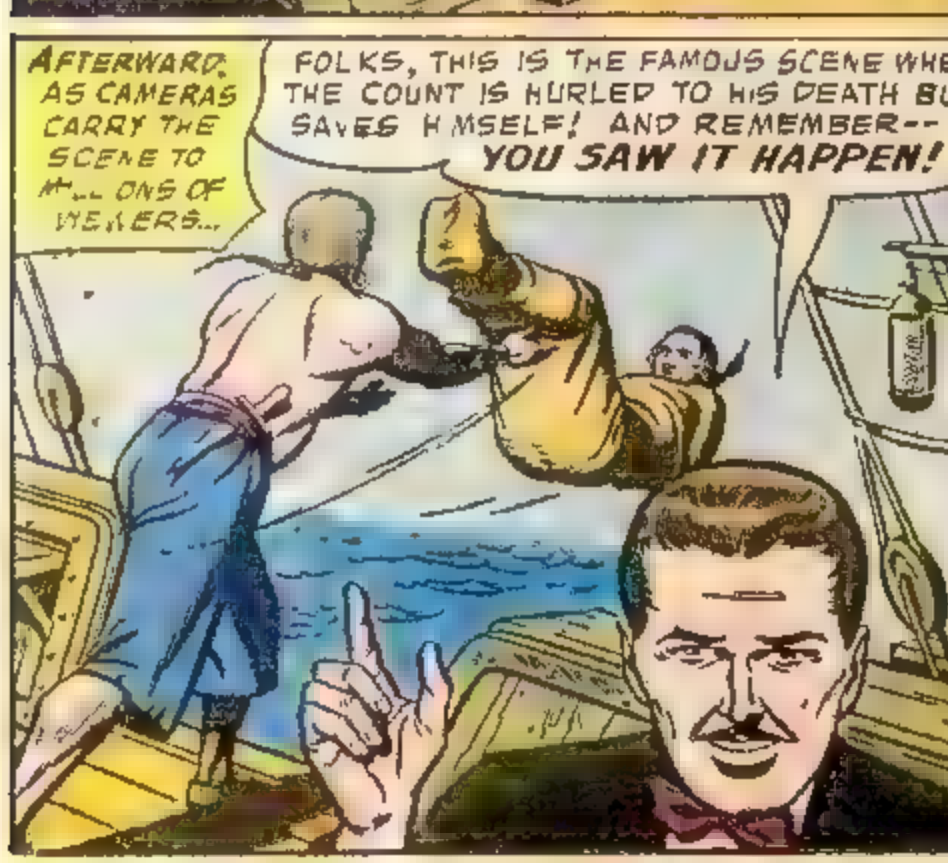
PROBABLY A FLOATING MINE THAT BROKE LOOSE FROM THE NAVAL MANEUVERS THAT WERE HELD AROUND HERE LAST MONTH! I-- I HOPE HE WASN'T KILLED!
BAM
NO--THERE HE IS!
AND HE SEEMS UNHURT... WHAT A LUCKY BREAK!
SOON, AS THE SEA KING BOARDS THE VESSEL...
THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL. WELL, I'M READY FOR THE TELECAST--BUT, AS CAPTAIN WOOD HERE KNOWS, I'VE ALSO GOT TO KEEP AN EYE PEELED FOR SOME SMUGGLERS!
THAT'S RIGHT... THANKS TO AQUAMAN'S VIGILANCE, THE SMUGGLERS HAVE BEEN AFRAID TO PUT TO SEA!
SHORTLY, AFTER AQUAMAN HAS DONNED THE COSTUME OF A SPANISH SEA CAPTAIN OF OLDEN TIMES...
FOLKS, YOU ARE WATCHING CAPT. KIDD AS HE CRUELLY ORDERS A CAPTURED SPANISH SEA CAPTAIN TO WALK THE PLANK! THIS REALLY TOOK PLACE CENTURIES AGO--AND REMEMBER, YOU SAW IT HAPPEN!
AS THE DRAMA OF HISTORY UNFOLDS BEFORE THE TV CAMERAS...
THAT'S RIGHT, CAMERA THREE--KEEP SHOOTING AQUAMAN UNTIL HE DROPS BENEATH THE SURFACE... THEN, THE UNDER-WATER CAMERA CREW WILL TAKE OVER!
DOWN GOES THE COSTUMED FIGURE...
WE'D NEVER BE ABLE TO DO THIS SCENE WITHOUT AQUAMAN!
NATURALLY... WHO ELSE COULD STAY UNDER WATER SO LONG?

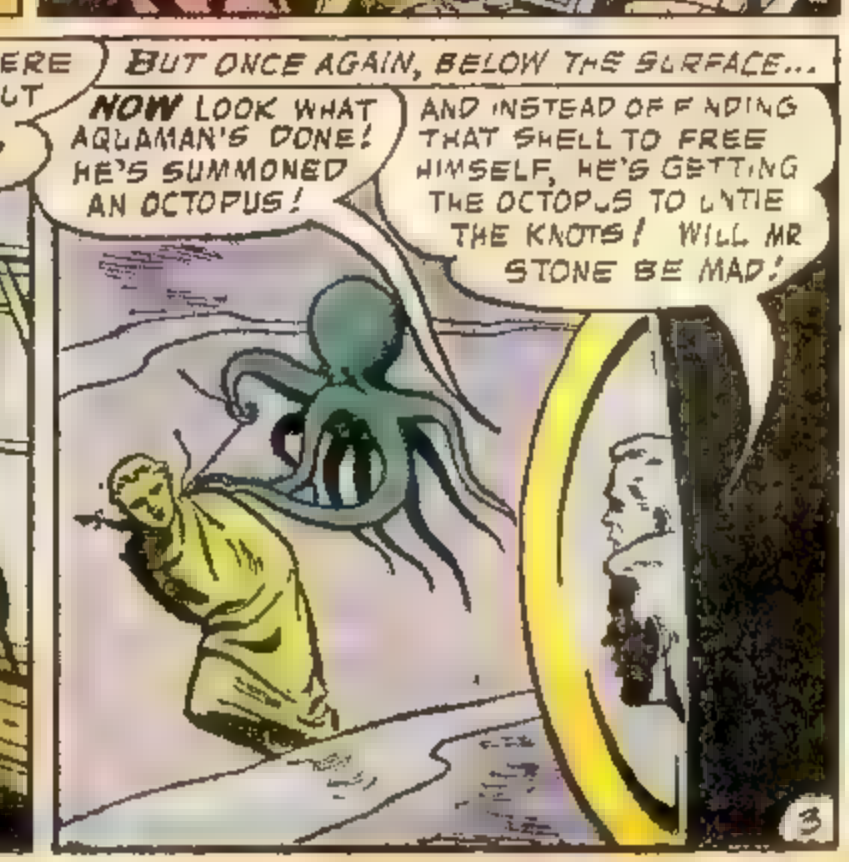

BUT, TO THE SURPRISE OF THE UNDERSEA CAMERA-MEN...
LOOK--AQUAMAN GOT A SWORDFISH TO CUT HIM FREE!
THAT'S NOT IN THE SCRIPT! HE WAS SUPPOSED TO CUT HIMSELF LOOSE, ON THE SHARP EDGE OF A SUNKEN ANCHOR!

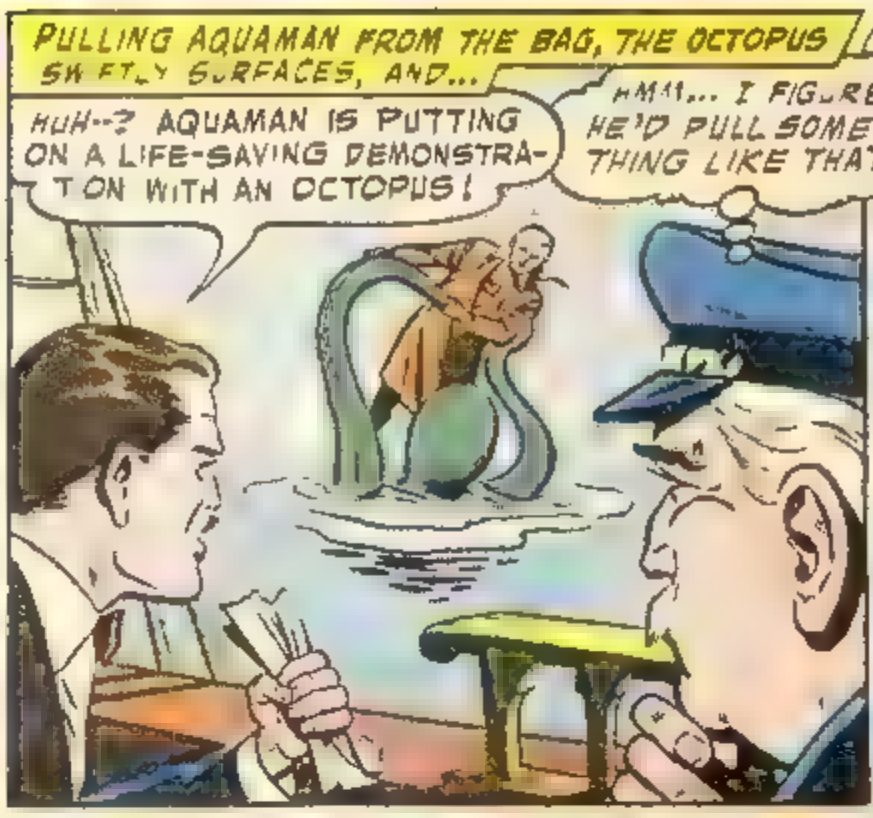

MOMENTS LATER...
WHAT'S AQUAMAN THINK HE'S DOING--GETTING ONE OF HIS FISH TO PUT ON A LIFE-SAVING ACT IN THE MIDDLE OF A SCENE?
HMM... IT'S NOT LIKE HIM TO SHOW OFF HIS MASTERY OVER FISH!

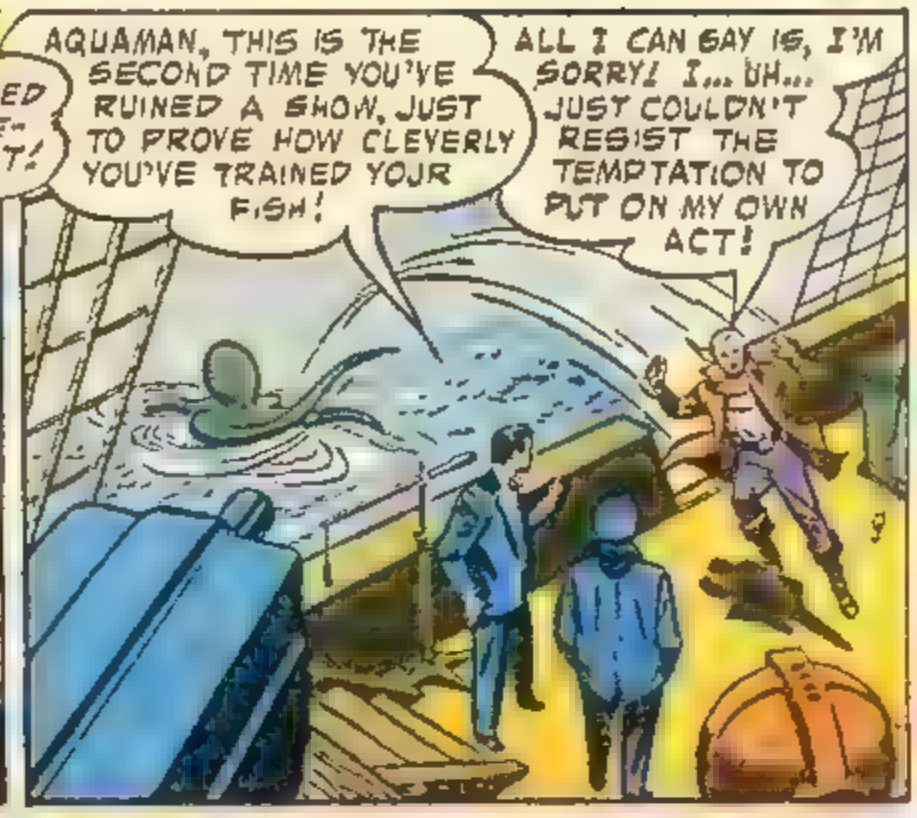

SEE HERE, AQUAMAN, YOU'VE SPOILED THE WHOLE SHOW BY GETTING THAT SWORDFISH IN THE ACT!
SORRY--IT...ER... SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA AT THE TIME, MR. STONE!


THE FOLLOWING WEEK, AS THEY PREPARE FOR A SCENE FROM A FAMOUS WORK OF FICTION...
AS THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO, YOU'LL BE TIED INSIDE THIS BURLAP BAG, AND THROWN OVERBOARD! YOU'LL ESCAPE BY CUTTING OPEN THE BAG WITH A SEA-SHELL!
FUNNY...THAT BRIGHT LIGHT. I WONDER...?

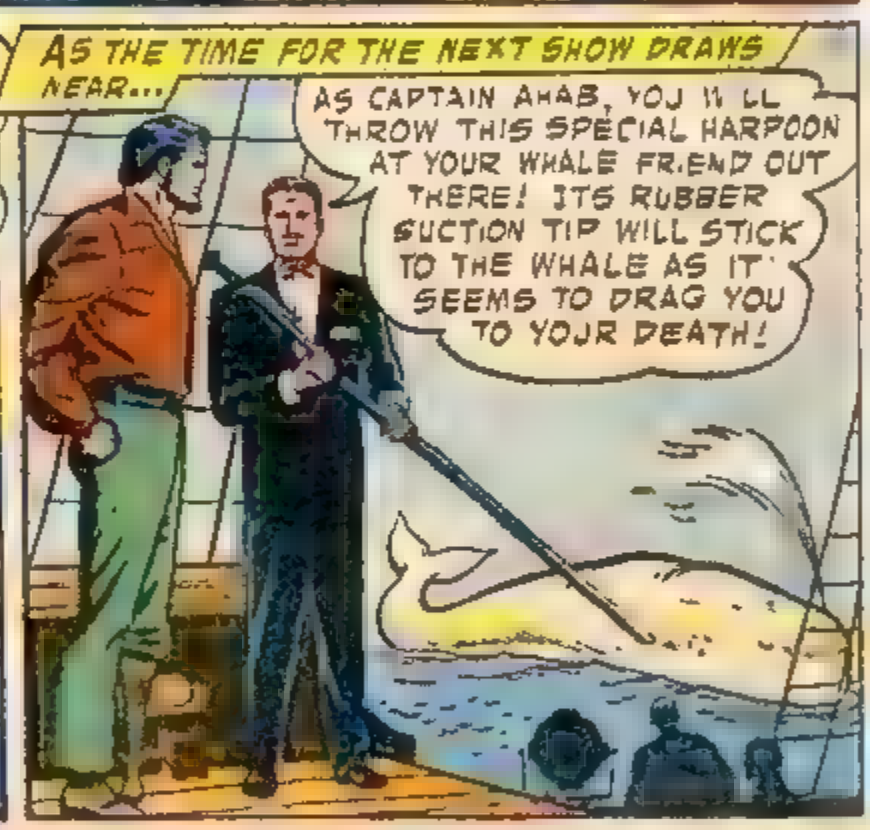

AFTERWARD, AS CAMERAS CARRY THE SCENE TO MILLIONS OF VIEWERS...
FOLKS, THIS IS THE FAMOUS SCENE WHERE THE COUNT IS HURLED TO HIS DEATH BUT SAVES HIMSELF! AND REMEMBER-- YOU SAW IT HAPPEN!

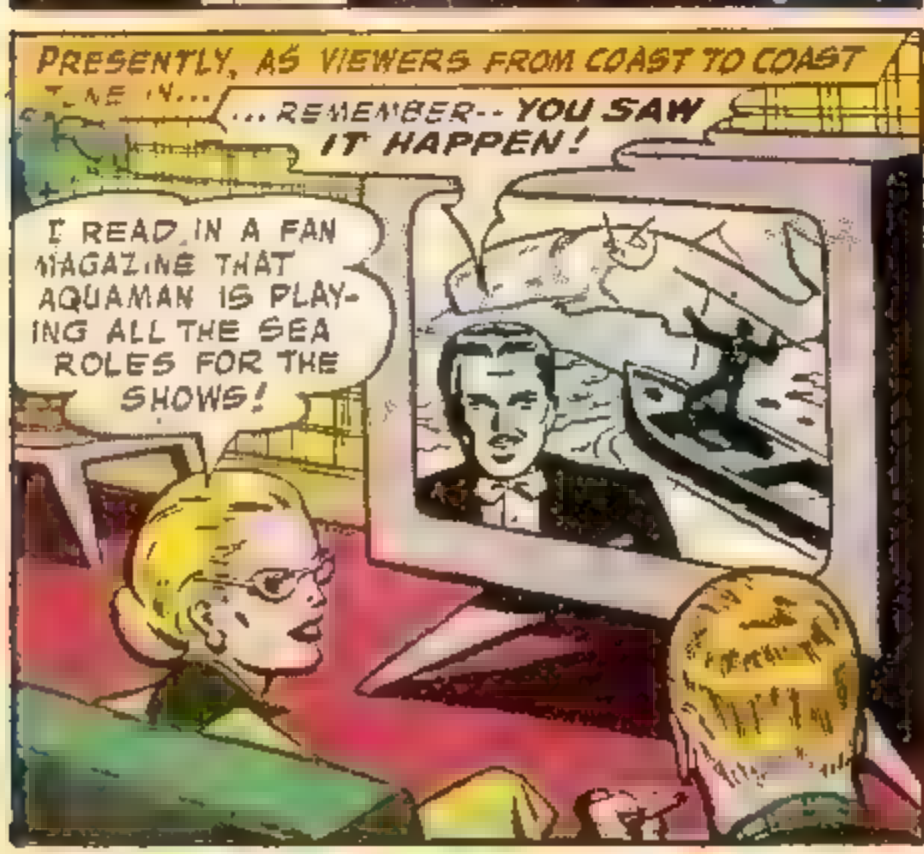

BUT ONCE AGAIN, BELOW THE SURFACE...
NOW LOOK WHAT AQUAMAN'S DONE! HE'S SUMMONED AN OCTOPUS!
AND INSTEAD OF FINDING THAT SHELL TO FREE HIMSELF, HE'S GETTING THE OCTOPUS TO UNTIE THE KNOTS! WILL MR STONE BE MAD!

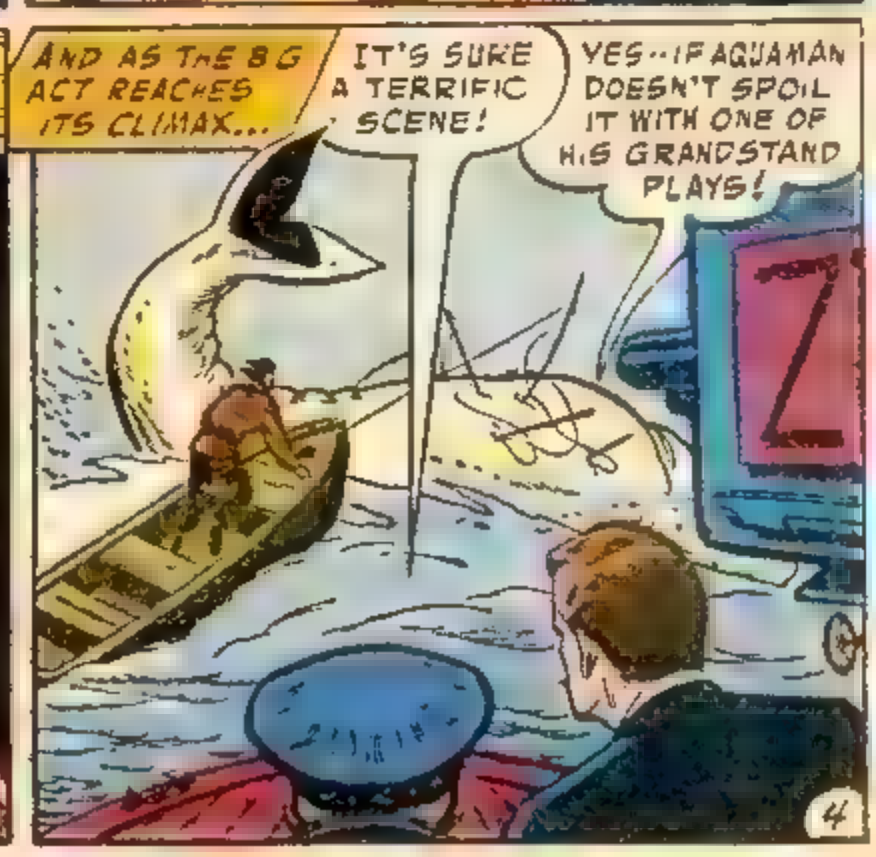

PULLING AQUAMAN FROM THE BAG, THE OCTOPUS SWIFTLY SURFACES, AND...
HUH--? AQUAMAN IS PUTTING ON A LIFE-SAVING DEMONSTRATION WITH AN OCTOPUS!
HMM... I FIGURED HE'D PULL SOMETHING LIKE THAT!


AQUAMAN, THIS IS THE SECOND TIME YOU'VE RUINED A SHOW, JUST TO PROVE HOW CLEVERLY YOU'VE TRAINED YOUR FISH!
ALL I CAN SAY IS, I'M SORRY! I... UH... JUST COULDN'T RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO PUT ON MY OWN ACT!

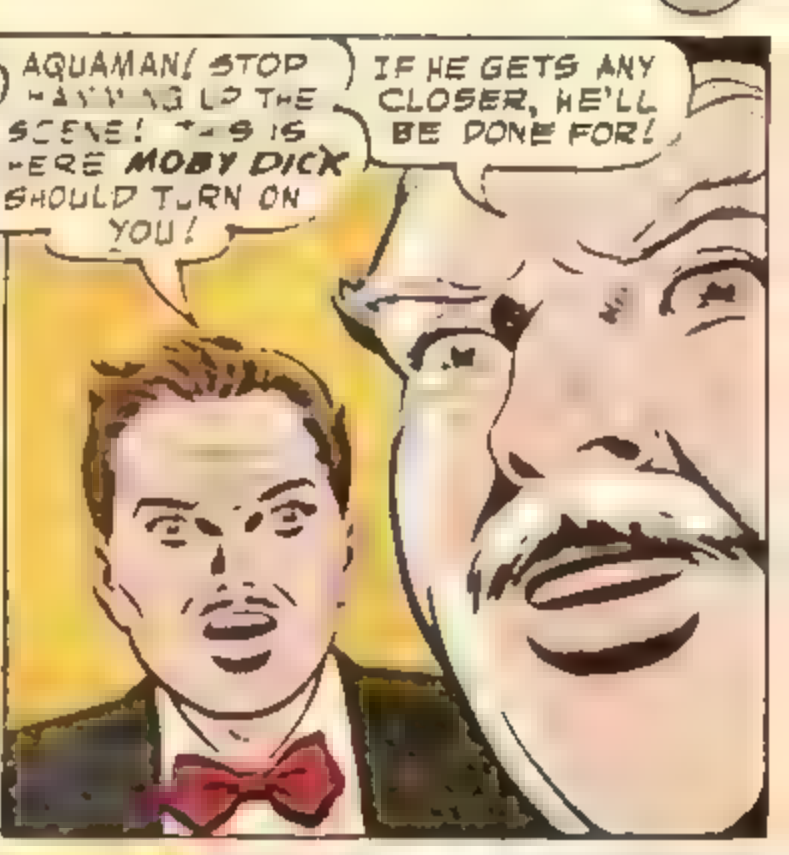
YOU COULDN'T, EH? WELL, IF YOU PULL THE SAME SHOW-OFF STUNT WHEN YOU RE-ENACT THE BIG SCENE FROM "MOBY DICK" YOU'LL RUIN THE PROGRAM FOR GOOD!
NO-- WAIT...
TAKE IT EASY, AQUAMAN... I THINK I UNDERSTAND!

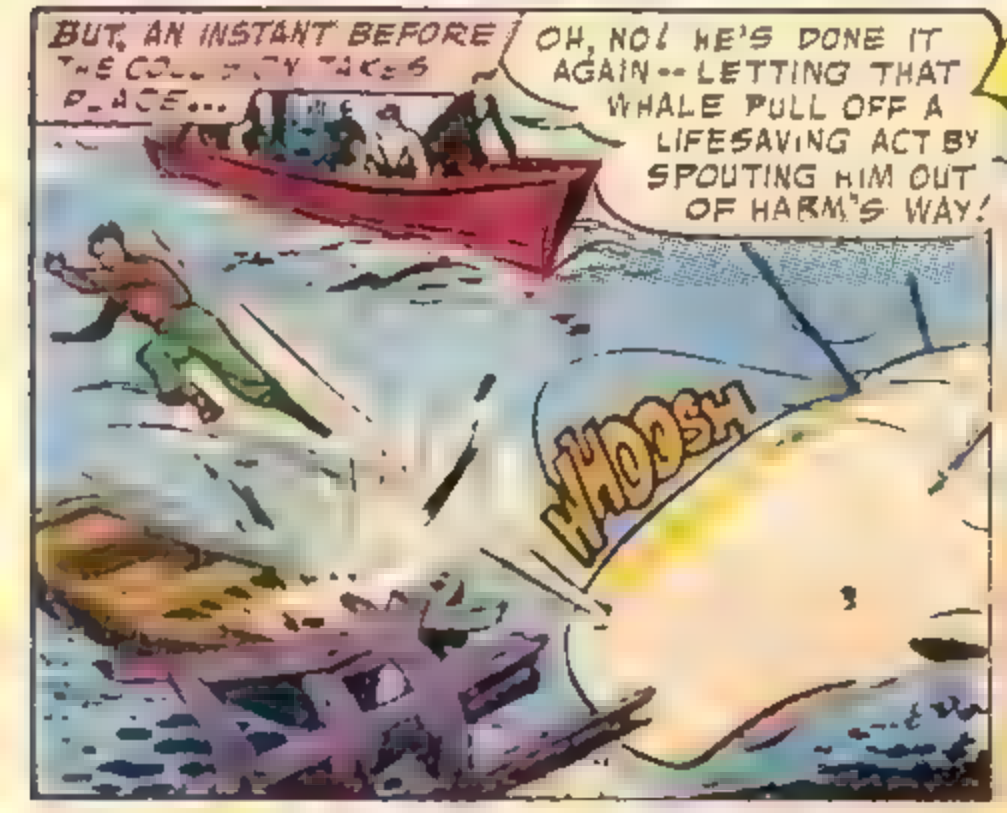

AS THE TIME FOR THE NEXT SHOW DRAWS NEAR...
AS CAPTAIN AHAB, YOU'LL THROW THIS SPECIAL HARPOON AT YOUR WHALE FRIEND OUT THERE! ITS RUBBER SUCTION TIP WILL STICK TO THE WHALE AS IT SEEMS TO DRAG YOU TO YOUR DEATH!

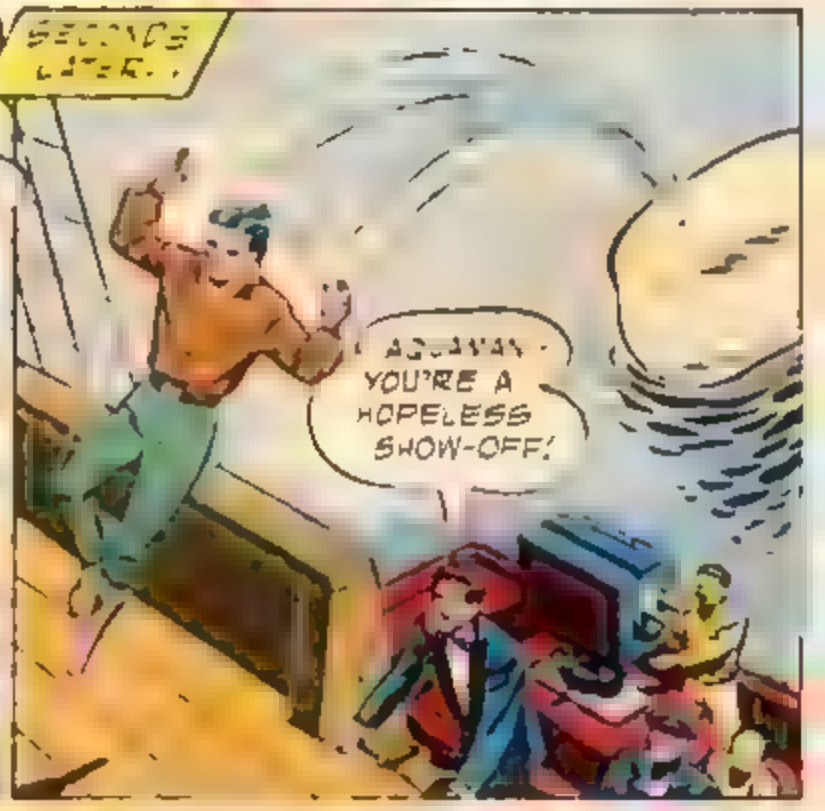

PRESENTLY, AS VIEWERS FROM COAST TO COAST TUNE IN...
...REMEMBER-- YOU SAW IT HAPPEN!
I READ IN A FAN MAGAZINE THAT AQUAMAN IS PLAYING ALL THE SEA ROLES FOR THE SHOWS!


AND AS THE BIG ACT REACHES ITS CLIMAX...
IT'S SURE A TERRIFIC SCENE!
YES--IF AQUAMAN DOESN'T SPOIL IT WITH ONE OF HIS GRANDSTAND PLAYS!

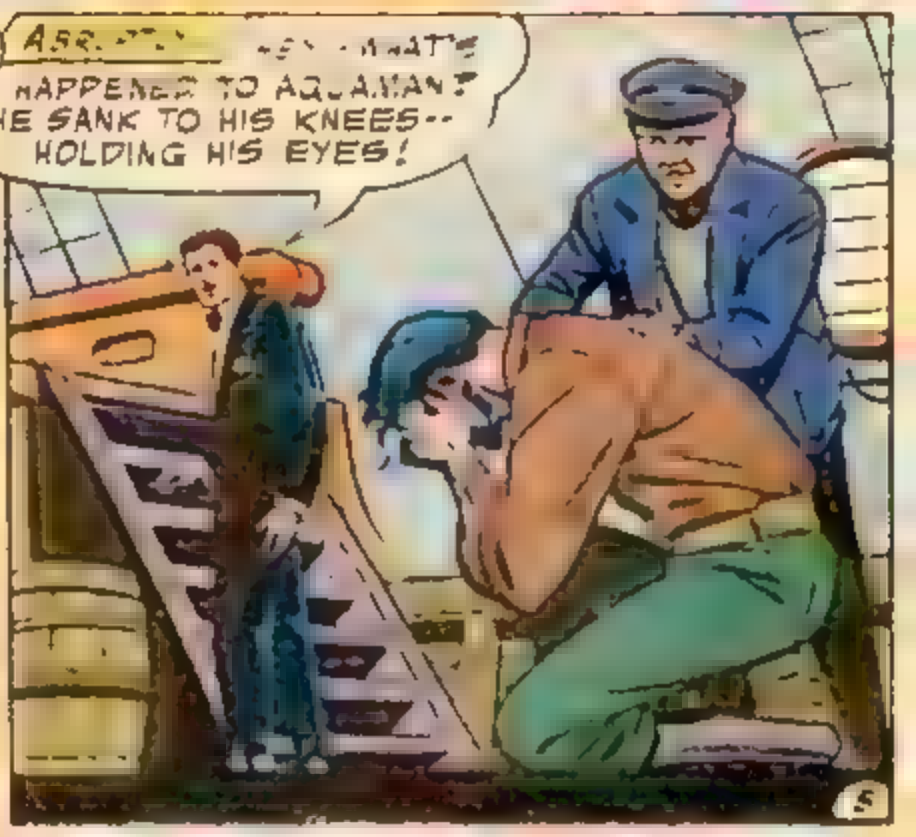
WAIT A MINUTE... WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH AQUAMAN? DOESN'T HE REALIZE HE'S HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THAT WRECKAGE?

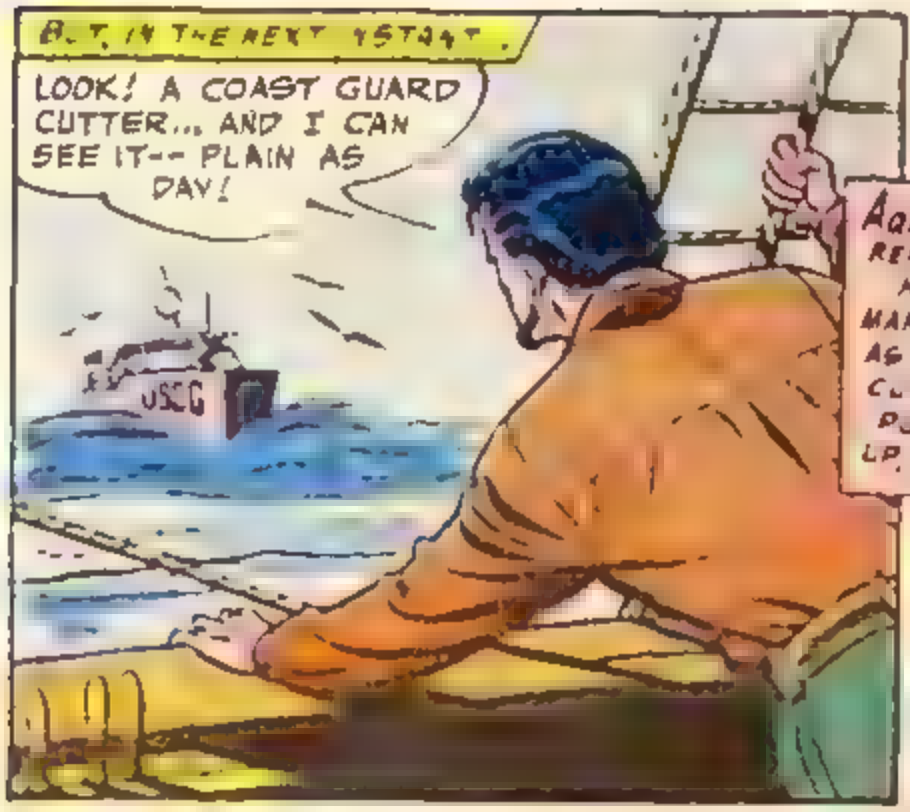

AQUAMAN! STOP HANDING UP THE SCENE! THIS IS WHERE MOBY DICK SHOULD TURN ON YOU!
IF HE GETS ANY CLOSER, HE'LL BE DONE FOR!


BUT, AN INSTANT BEFORE THE COLLISION TAKES PLACE...
OH, NO! HE'S DONE IT AGAIN -- LETTING THAT WHALE PULL OFF A LIFESAVING ACT BY SPOUTING HIM OUT OF HARM'S WAY!
WHOOSH


SECONDS LATER...
AQUAMAN - YOU'RE A HOPELESS SHOW-OFF!

AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, YOU'RE FINISHED. I'LL NEVER ASK FOR YOUR HELP AGAIN!
I--I'M SORRY... I...


ARR... WHAT'S HAPPENED TO AQUAMAN? HE SANK TO HIS KNEES-- HOLDING HIS EYES!


BUT, IN THE NEXT INSTANT.
LOOK! A COAST GUARD CUTTER... AND I CAN SEE IT-- PLAIN AS DAY!
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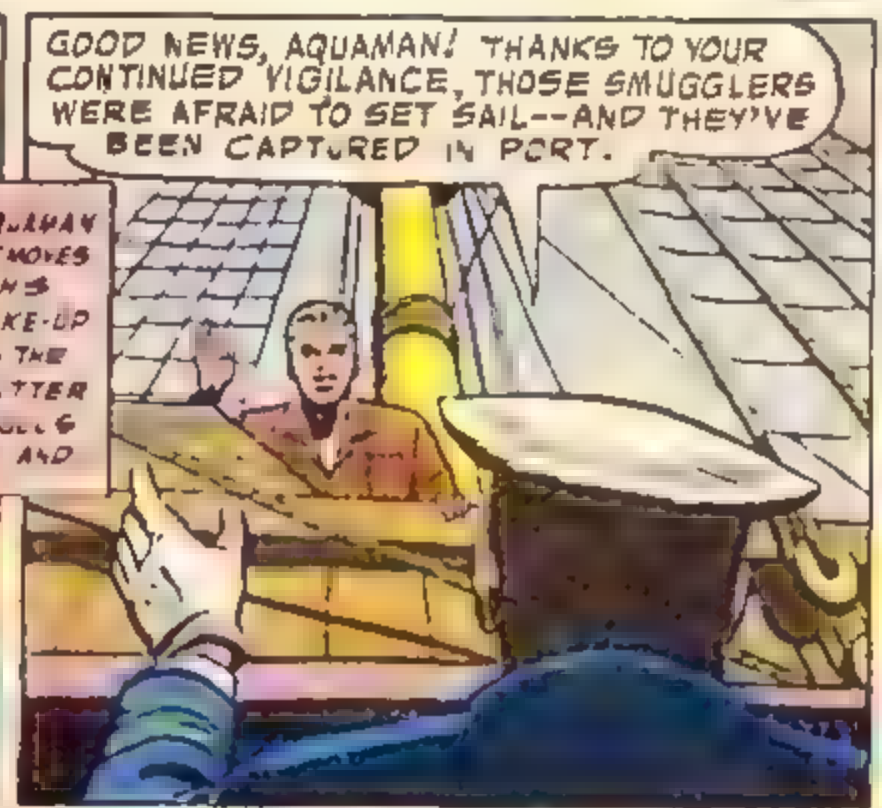
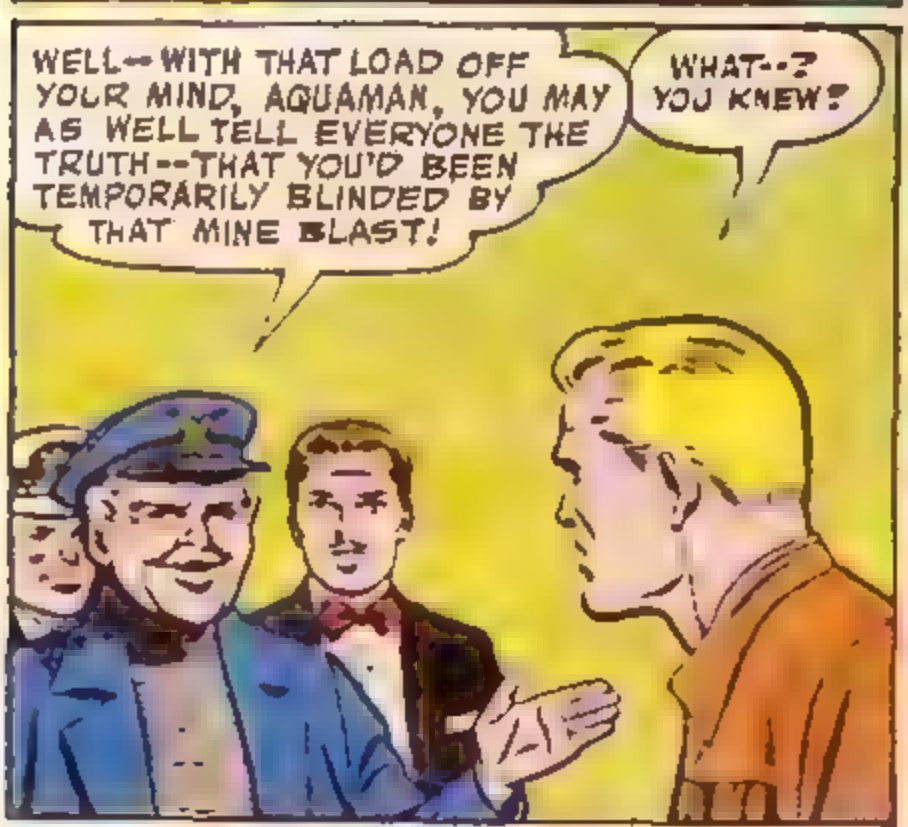
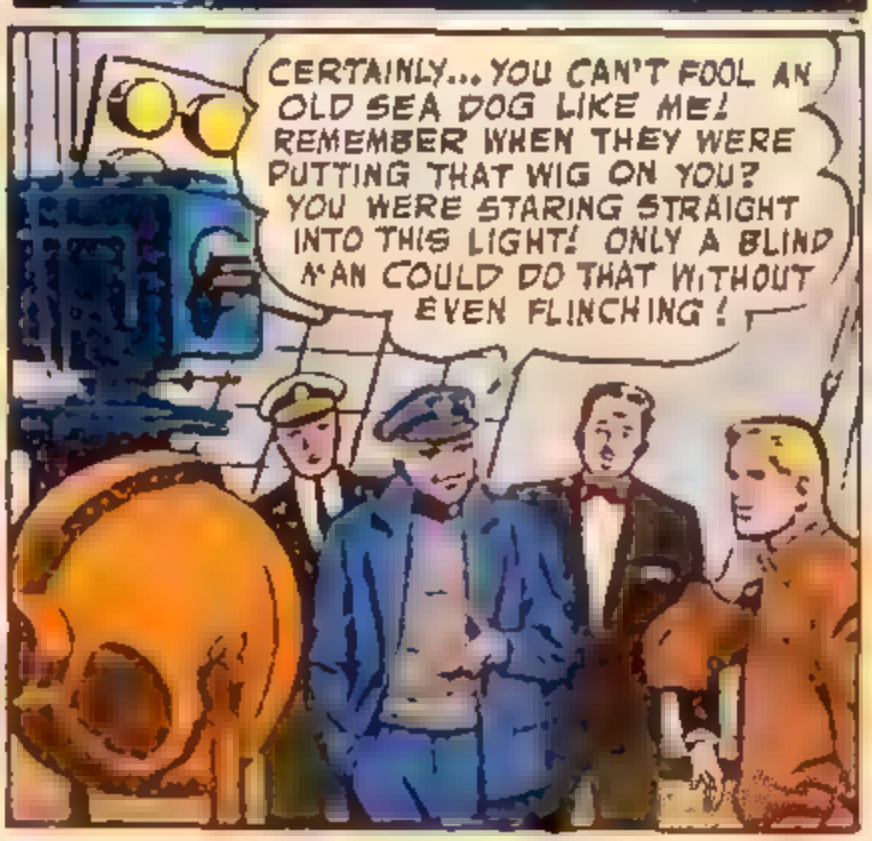
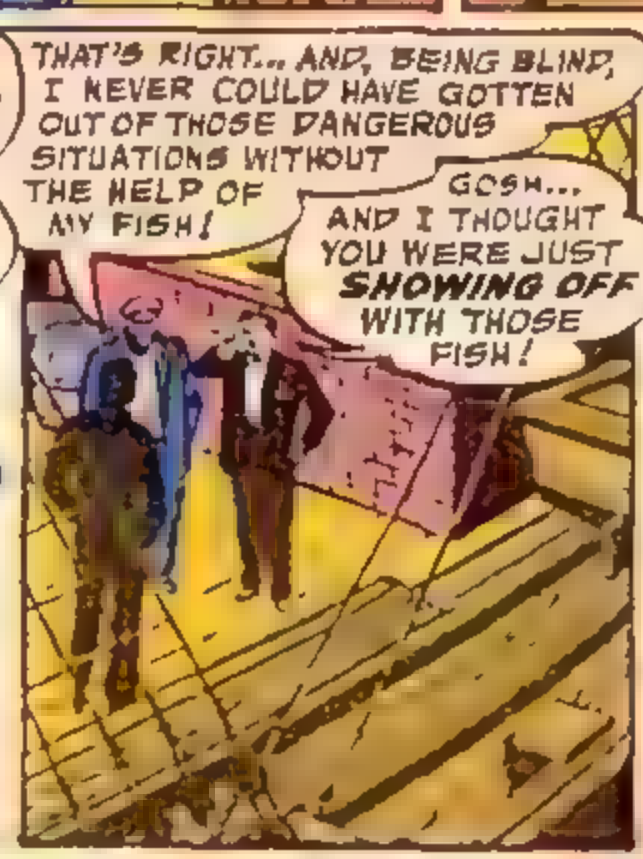
AQUAMAN REMOVES HIS MAKE-UP AS THE CUTTER PULLS UP, AND


GOOD NEWS, AQUAMAN! THANKS TO YOUR CONTINUED VIGILANCE, THOSE SMUGGLERS WERE AFRAID TO SET SAIL--AND THEY'VE BEEN CAPTURED IN PORT.

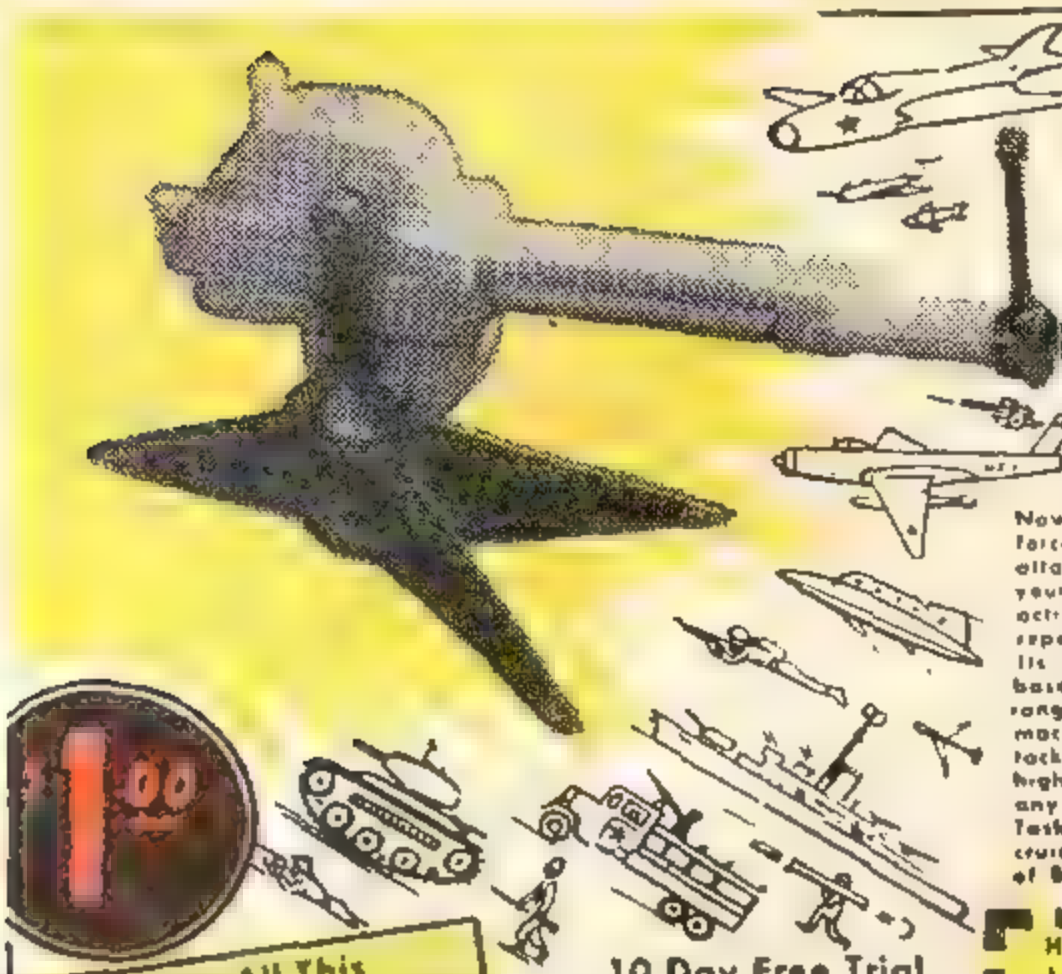

WELL-- WITH THAT LOAD OFF YOUR MIND, AQUAMAN, YOU MAY AS WELL TELL EVERYONE THE TRUTH--THAT YOU'D BEEN TEMPORARILY BLINDED BY THAT MINE BLAST!
WHAT--? YOU KNEW?


CERTAINLY... YOU CAN'T FOOL AN OLD SEA DOG LIKE ME! REMEMBER WHEN THEY WERE PUTTING THAT WIG ON YOU? YOU WERE STARING STRAIGHT INTO THIS LIGHT! ONLY A BLIND MAN COULD DO THAT WITHOUT EVEN FLINCHING!

AND I ALSO KNOW WHY YOU KEPT IT A SECRET... BECAUSE IF THE NEWS OF YOUR BLINDNESS LEAKED OUT, THOSE SMUGGLERS, SURE AS SHOOTIN', WOULD'VE HIT FOR THE OPEN SEA!


THAT'S RIGHT... AND, BEING BLIND, I NEVER COULD HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF THOSE DANGEROUS SITUATIONS WITHOUT THE HELP OF MY FISH!
GOSH... AND I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST SHOWING OFF WITH THOSE FISH!

I'M SORRY I HAD TO SPOIL YOUR SHOWS, MR. STONE!
FORGET IT! ACCORDING TO THIS MESSAGE I JUST RECEIVED, OUR VIEWERS LOVED YOUR TERRIFIC SEA STUNTS! I'LL GIVE THEM THE DETAILS OF WHAT HAPPENED, WHEN OUR NEXT SHOW GOES ON!
THE END



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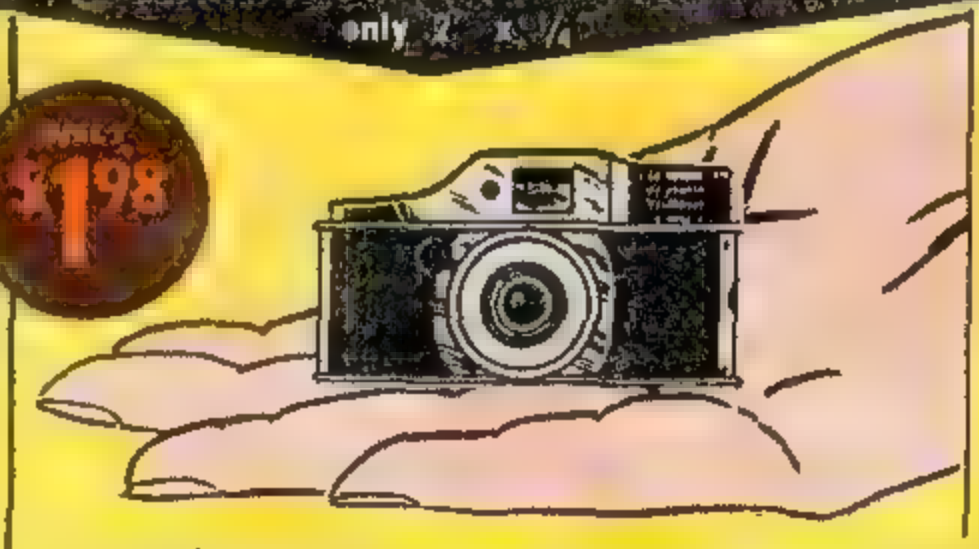

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THE CLUE ON THE SHOE

"THE job may have been done by any one of a number of safecrackers," said Detective Ray Bradley of the Loft & Bomb Squad, glaring at the wrecked, steel repository in the Johnson Manufacturing Company, "but I'd bet my pension it was none other than 'Sure Thing' Thayer."

"Why? What makes you so sure?" asked Sergeant Maloney.

"Because more 'soup'—or nitro—than necessary was used to blow open this safe. The concussion not only sprang open the door. It tore open the safe. Look at the mess it made. Fragments all over the floor."

"And so it fits Thayer's MO?"

"Right down the alley of his *modus operandi*, his method of operation. That's how he got the name of 'Sure Thing.' He always used more nitro than needed to guarantee the success of his job."

"What's the next step?" asked the Sergeant. "Bring him in for questioning?"

"I have his address, but you can be sure he'll have an airtight alibi," said Detective Bradley.

The color drained from "Sure Thing" Thayer's face as Detective Bradley confronted him with the news of the safe theft. "So you suspect me, huh? That's why you're here, is it?" he asked. "Well, I got news for you. I was sitting up with a sick friend all last night."

"You've been in the business so long, I thought you'd have a better alibi than that," said Detective Bradley.

"Okay. You call him, you go see, he'll tell you, and," he added with a sneer, "you can't prove different."

"Maybe I will prove you're a liar, and so is your pal," said Detective Bradley, easily. "Those shoes you're wearing. You have them on last night?"

"Sure Thing" glanced down at his handsome brogans. "Yeah. They come from England. Hand made. Cost $40 a pair. You want the address? Pretty expensive for detectives to wear, though."

"Pick up your foot. I want a closer look," said Detective Bradley.

"Sure Thing" Thayer extended his leg and Detective Bradley crouched to examine them. "Best leather you can buy," said "Sure Thing." "And notice the stitching—"

"I've noticed enough," interrupted the detective, straightening up. "Okay, sarge, let's take him downtown."

"Hey! What's the idea? You got nothing on me," cried Thayer.

"There's some clay on the welt of your shoe, which I want to inspect at the police lab. Let's go," said the detective, propelling him to the door.

En route to the precinct, they stopped their squad car at the Johnson office, where Detective Bradley scraped up some clay from the debris that littered the floor. In the laboratory, an expert compared the clay with that on Thayer's shoe. "It's the same," he said, at length. "Absolutely no doubt about it."

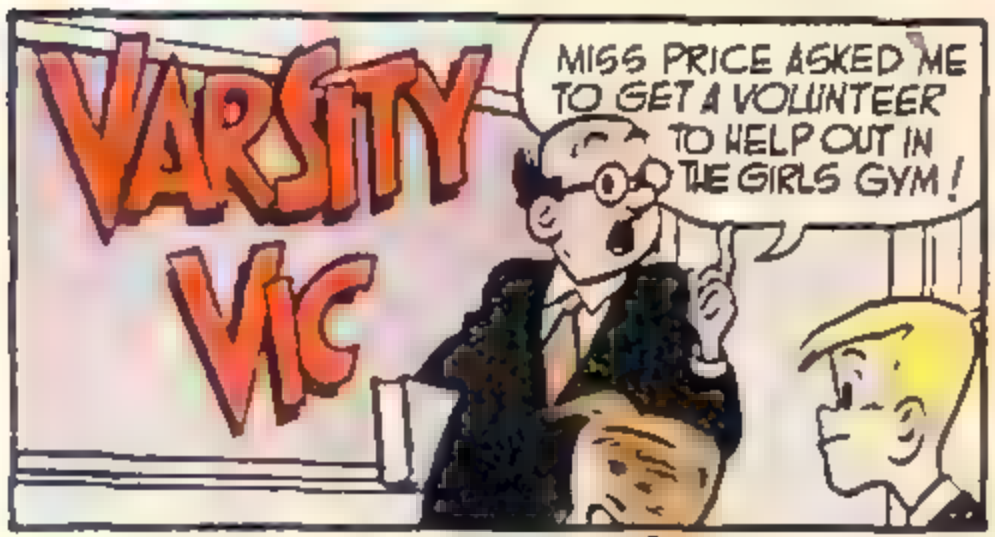
Detective Bradley stepped out of the lab, walked down the corridor to his office. "Well," he said, looking into Thayer's defiant face. "You ready to confess? We've got positive evidence that you blew that safe."

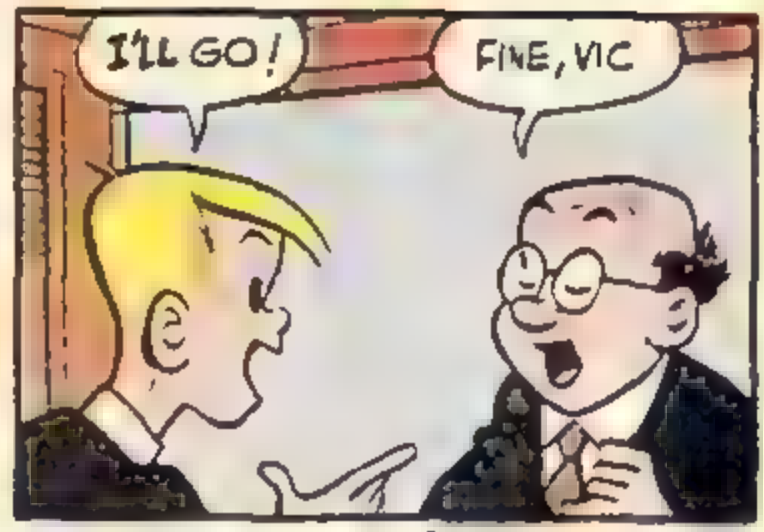
"What evidence? I told you, you haven't got a thing on me."

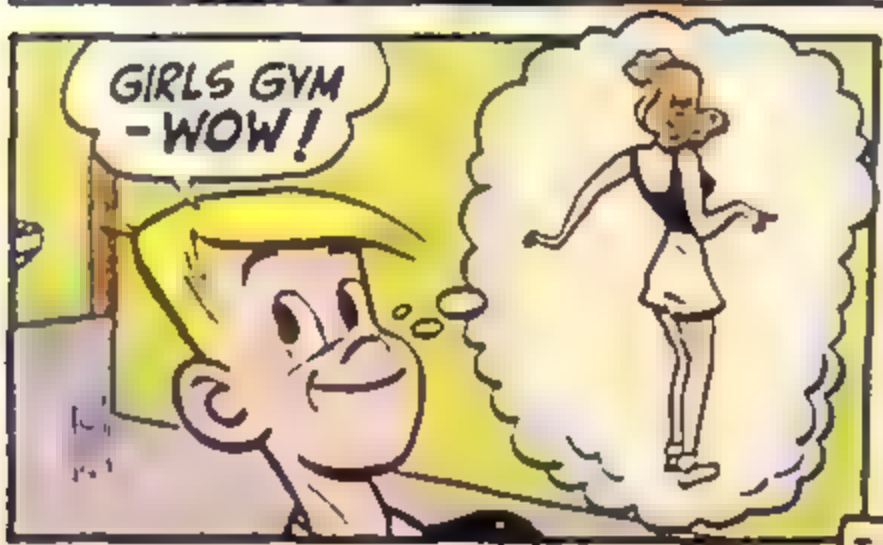
"No, but *you* have—your shoe!" said the detective, returning it to him. "The walls of most safes are lined with clay to insulate them against fire. When you used an overcharge of nitro, it blew the safe apart, scattering particles of clay and clay dust. You wanted to make sure that safe exploded, 'Sure Thing.' It certainly did. But the only sure thing that resulted—was landing you up the river for a long stretch."

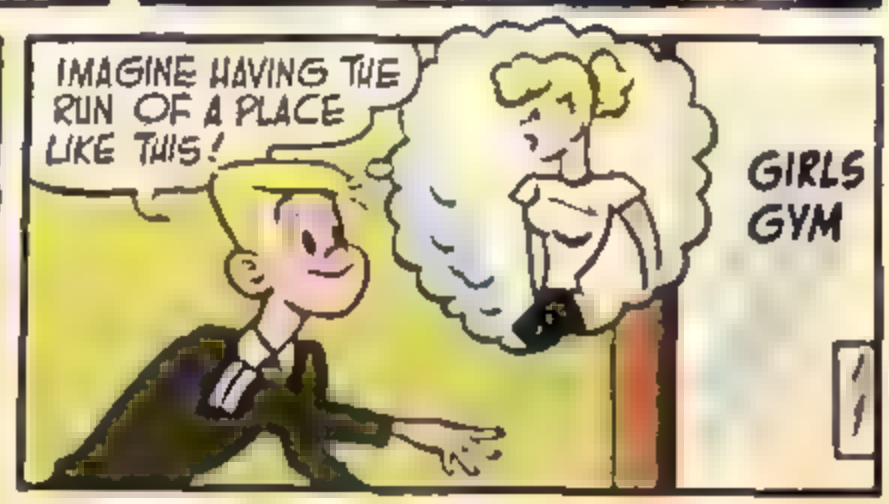
"Guess I'll take him downstairs and book him," said the sergeant, drawing Thayer to his feet. "Imagine, getting the goods on this safe-breaker with a shoe."

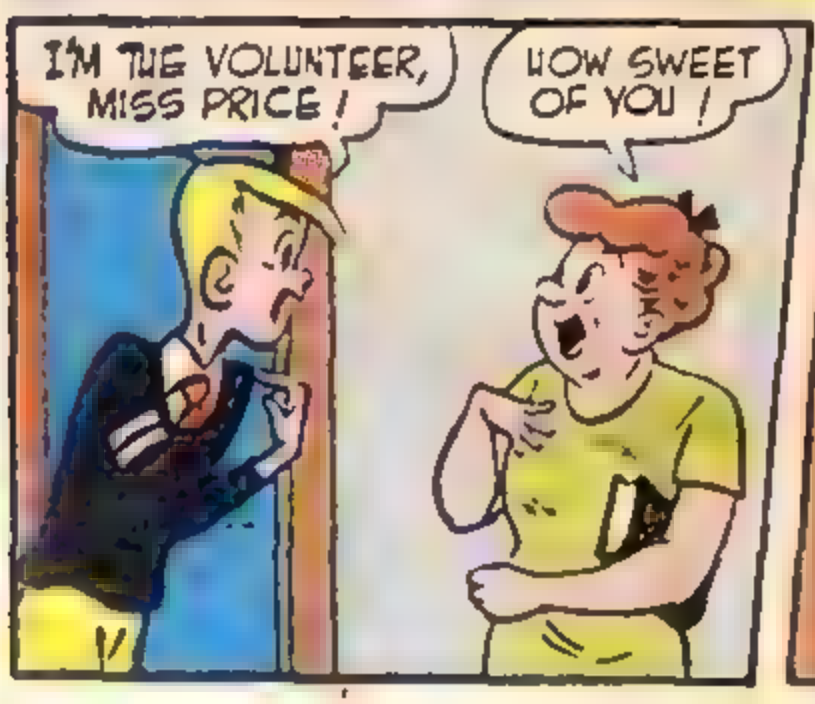
"Yes," said Detective Bradley, watching the pair leave. "He certainly put his foot in it."

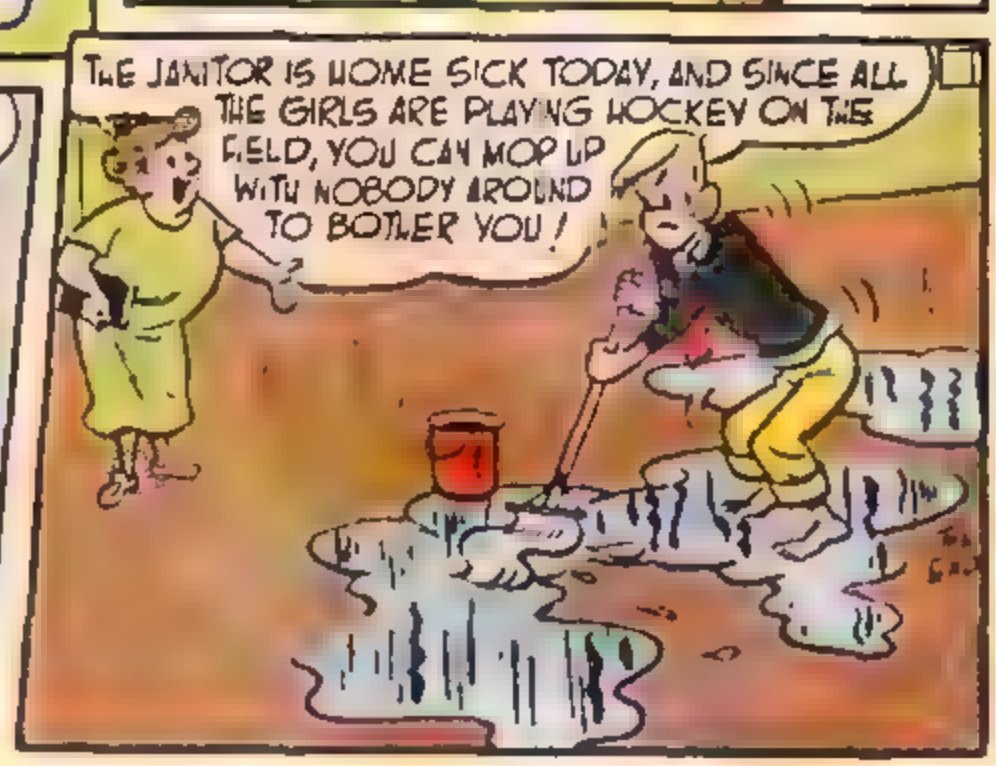












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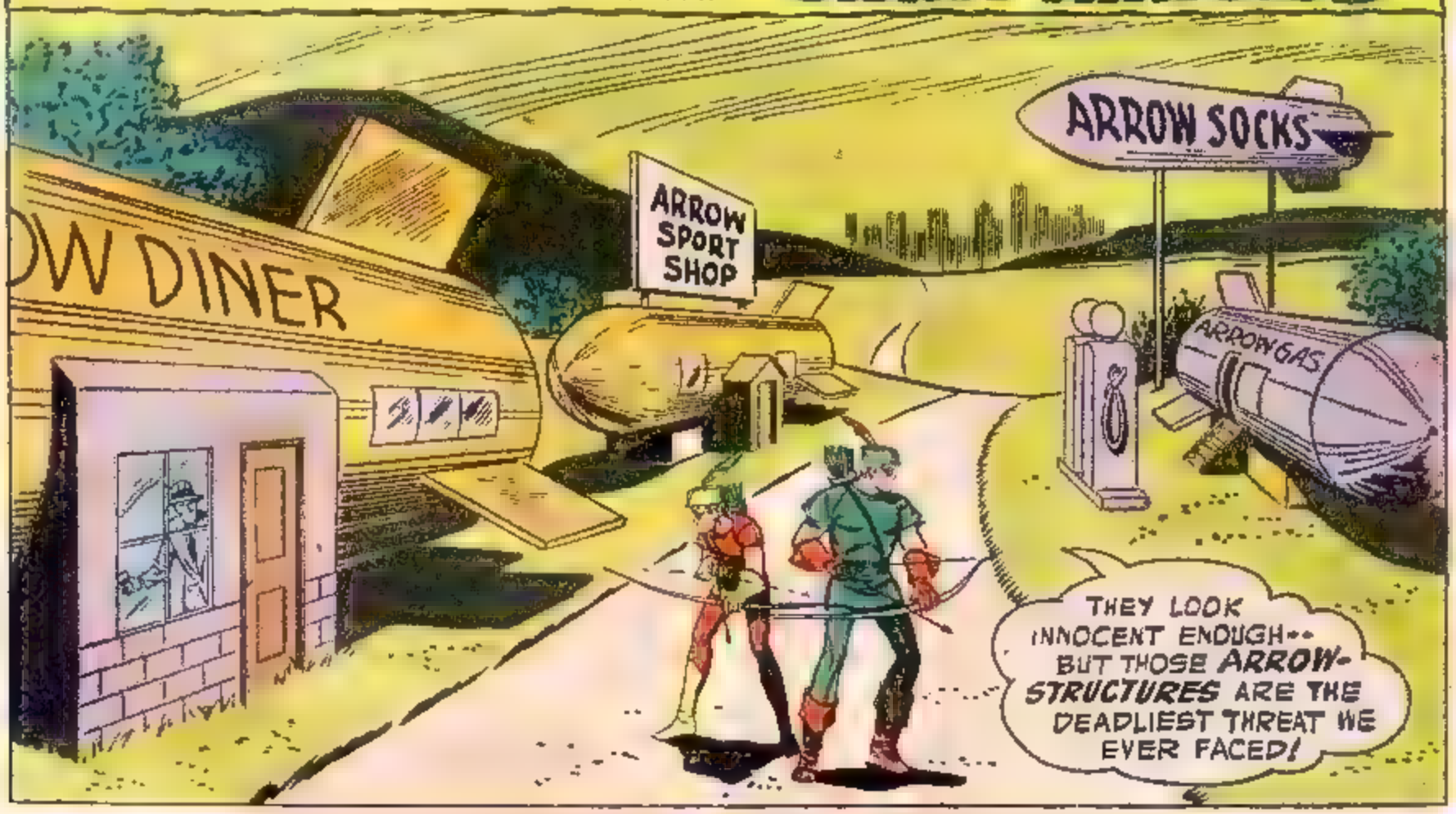
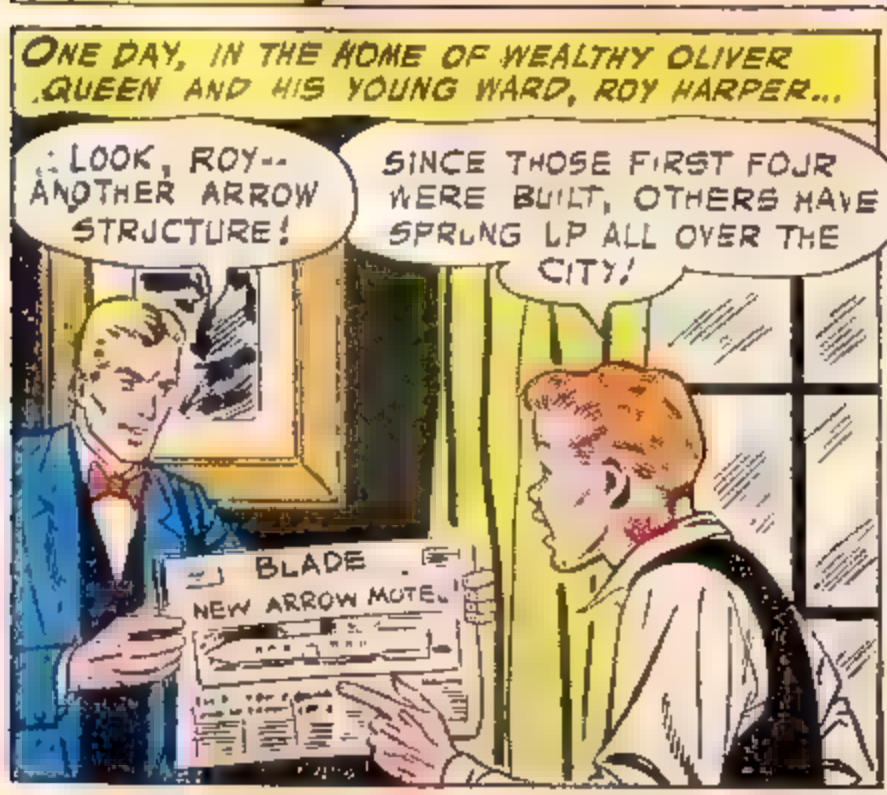
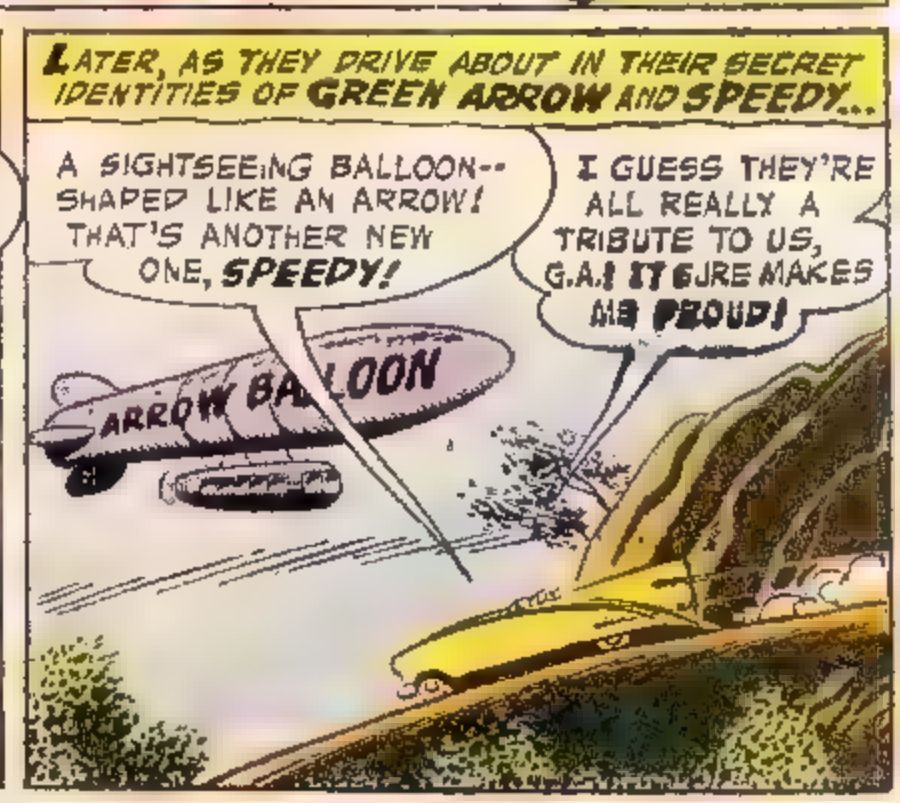
THE DOOM OF THE GIANT ARROWS



ONE DAY, IN THE HOME OF WEALTHY OLIVER QUEEN AND HIS YOUNG WARD, ROY HARPER...



LATER, AS THEY DRIVE ABOUT IN THEIR SECRET IDENTITIES OF GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY...



SHORTLY AFTERWARD, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN..

A SHORT WHILE AGO, THIS PLACE WAS ISOLATED-- JUST THE BANK AND THE GOLF COURSE.. NOW LOOK AT IT!

IN THE ARROW DINER, THE PAIR STOPS FOR LUNCH...

IT'S AN HONOR TO HAVE YOU HERE, GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY!

YOU CERTAINLY CARRY OUT THE FEELING OF AN OLD-FASHIONED KITCHEN! NO MODERN APPLIANCES HERE AT ALL!

SUDDENLY...

G.A! QUICK--OUTSIDE! SOMEONE HAS SHOT AT THE ARROW SIGHT-SEEING BALLOON!

BOOM!

MOMENTS LATER, OUTSIDE..

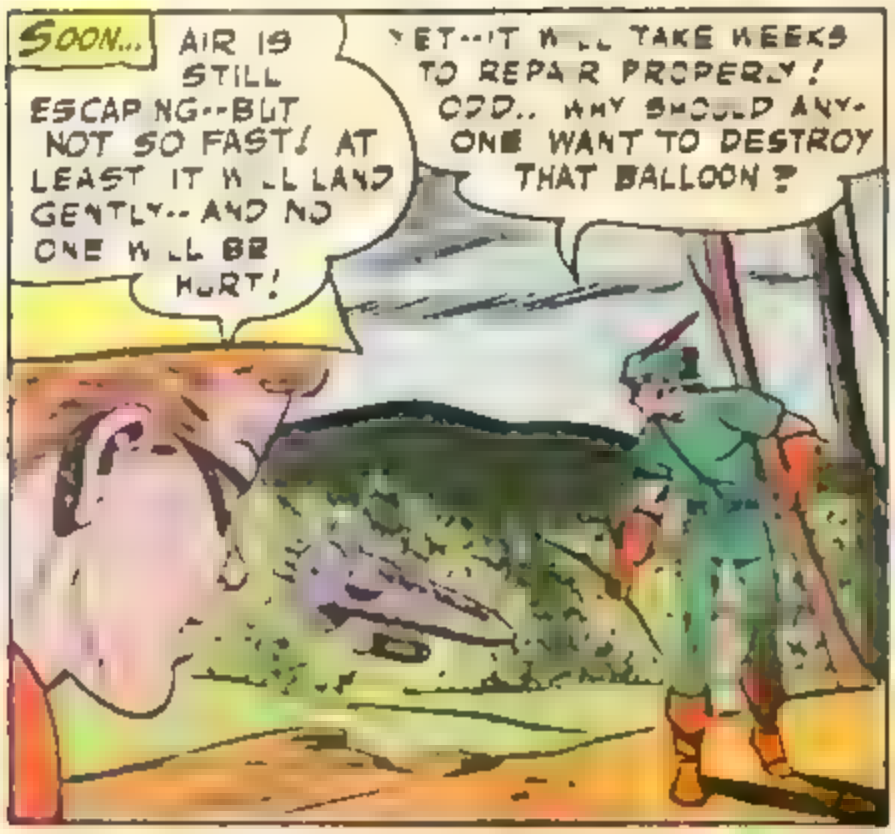
HURRY, SPEEDY RUN AWAY FROM ME--AND FIRE AN ARROWLINE AT THAT LARGE TEAR IN THE BALLOON.

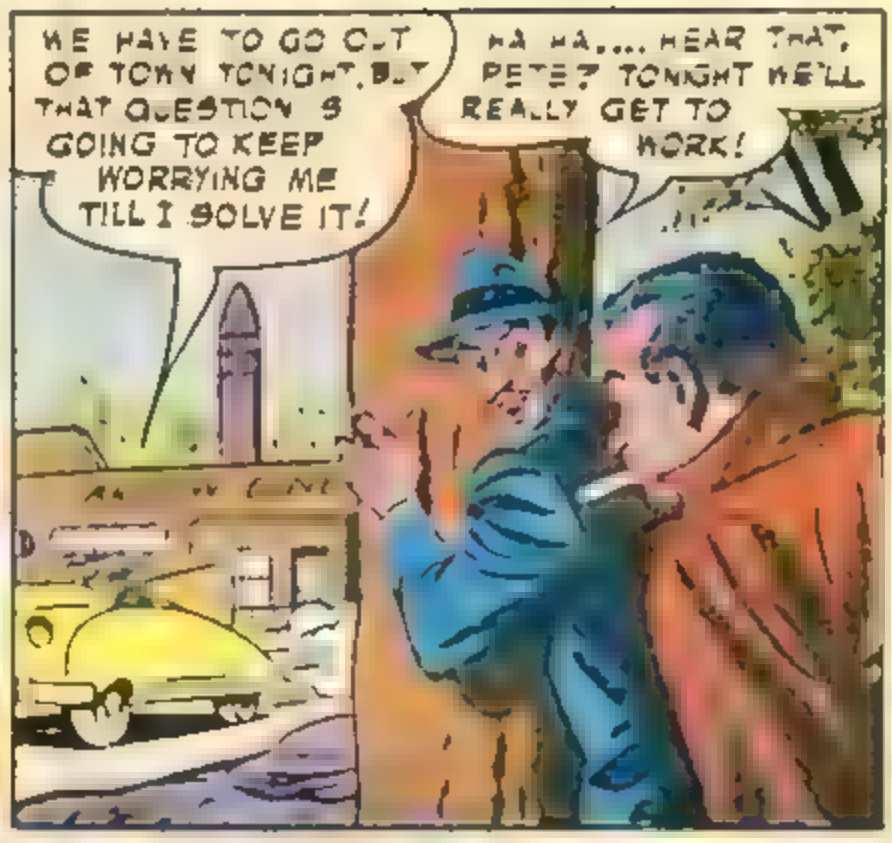
ARROW BALLOON

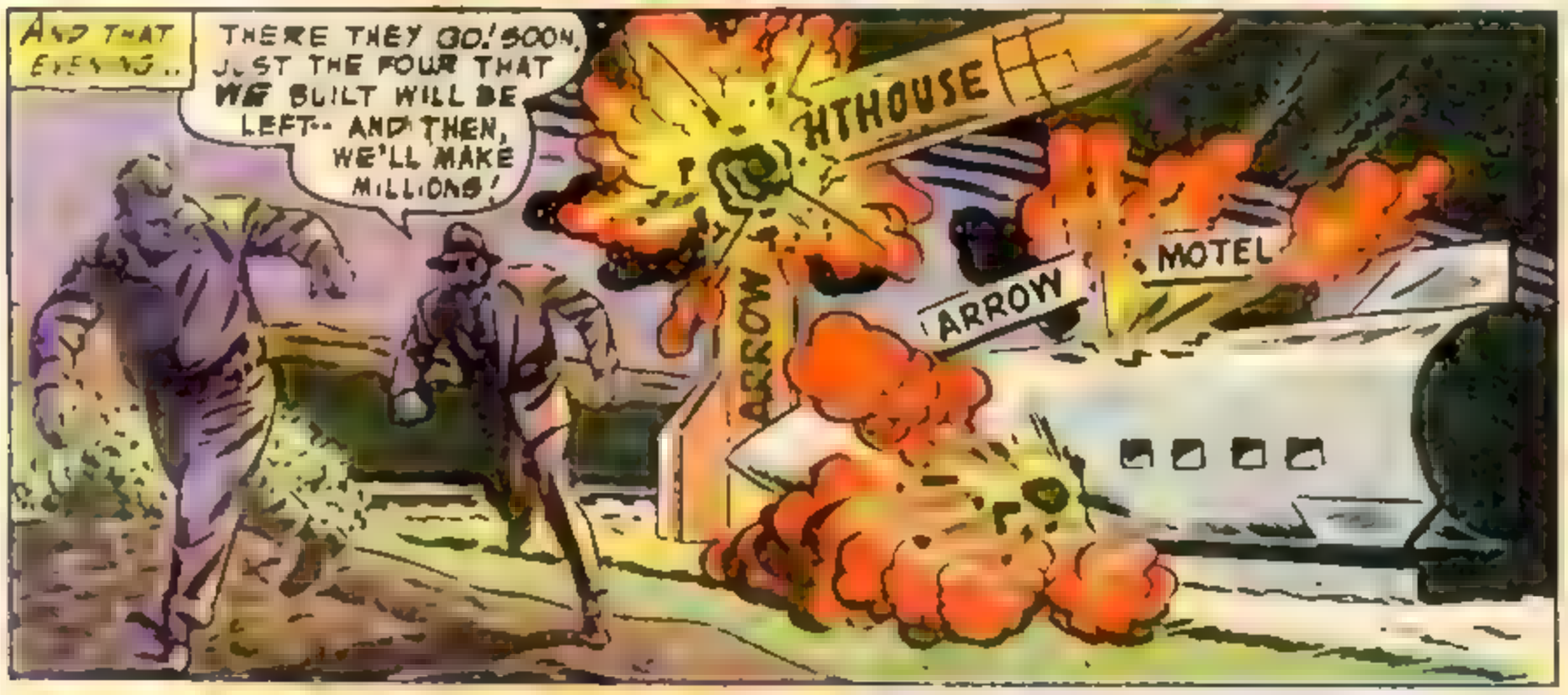
THAT'S IT... GOOD SHOT! NOW PICK UP MY ARROW AND FIRE IT BACK-- THROUGH THE BALLOON--JUST BELOW THE HOLE IN IT THIS TIME!

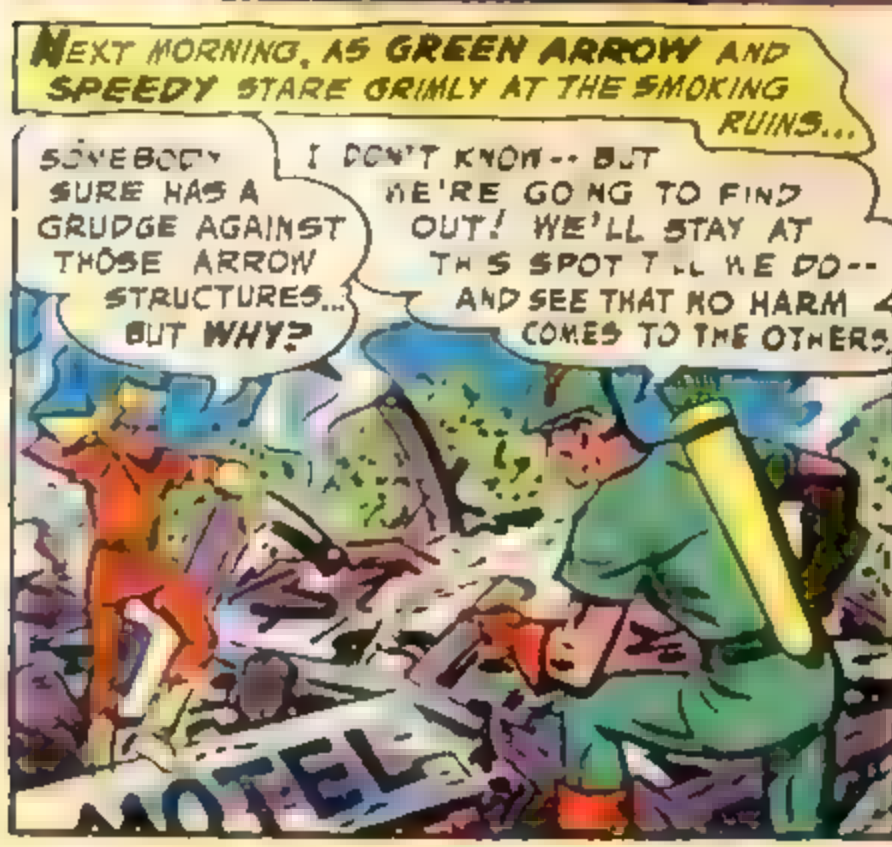
SO, AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, THE ARCHERS EXCHANGE ARROWS--EACH SHOOTING IN TURN AT THE GAPING TEAR...

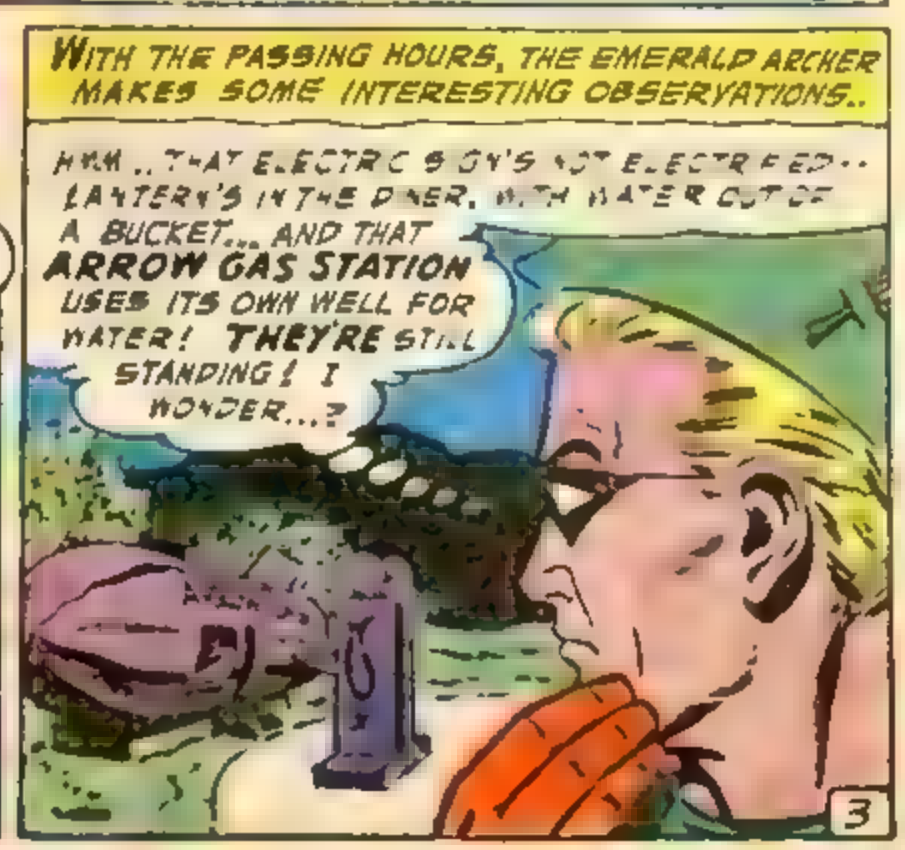
L-LOOK! GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY-- MENDING THAT HOLE WITH AN ARROW CROSS-STITCH, FROM 'WAY DOWN BELOW!

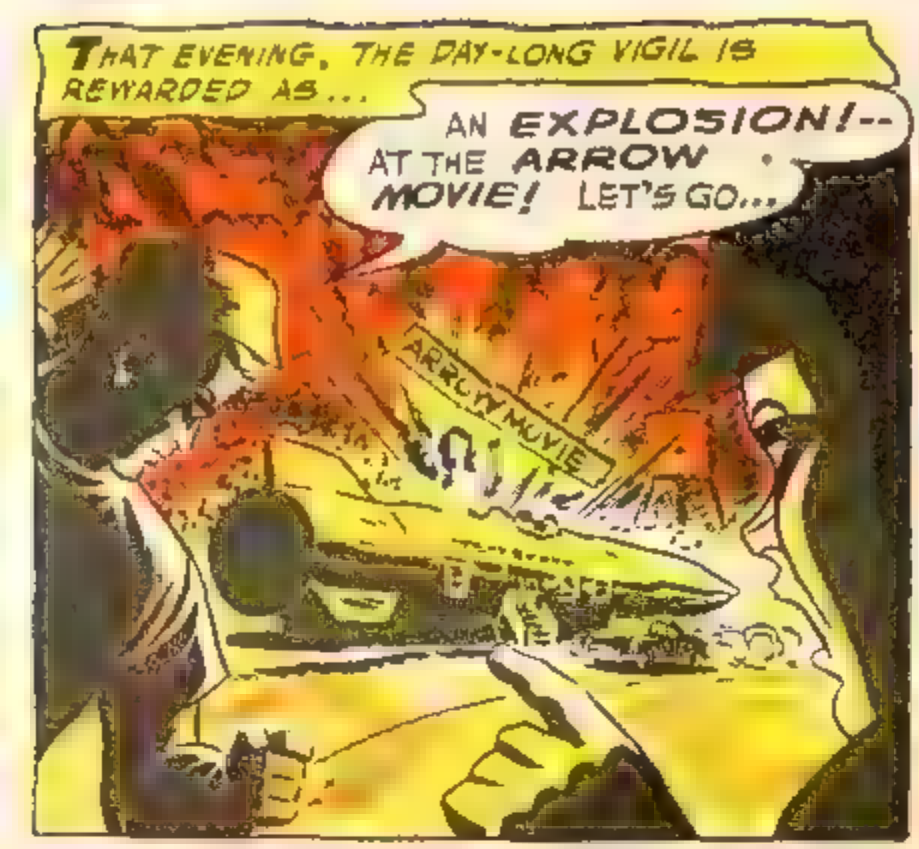

SOON...
AIR IS STILL ESCAPING--BUT NOT SO FAST! AT LEAST IT WILL LAND GENTLY-- AND NO ONE WILL BE HURT!
YET--IT WILL TAKE WEEKS TO REPAIR PROPERLY! ODD.. WHY SHOULD ANYONE WANT TO DESTROY THAT BALLOON?

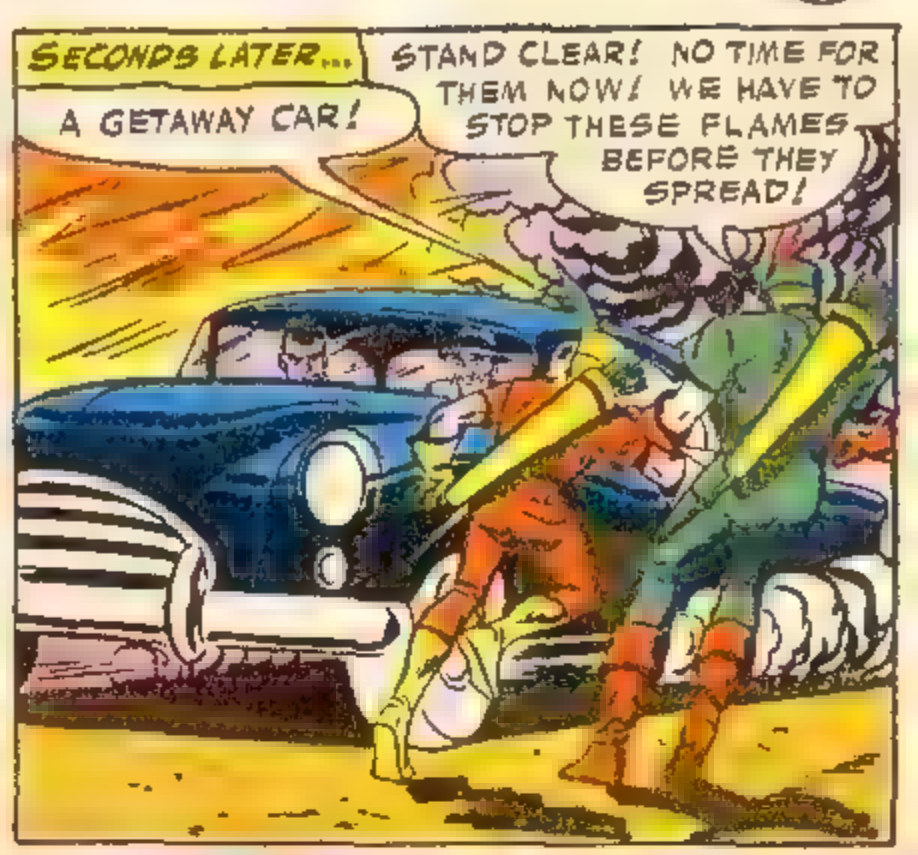

WE HAVE TO GO OUT OF TOWN TONIGHT, BUT THAT QUESTION IS GOING TO KEEP WORRYING ME TILL I SOLVE IT!
HA HA.... HEAR THAT, PETE? TONIGHT WE'LL REALLY GET TO WORK!

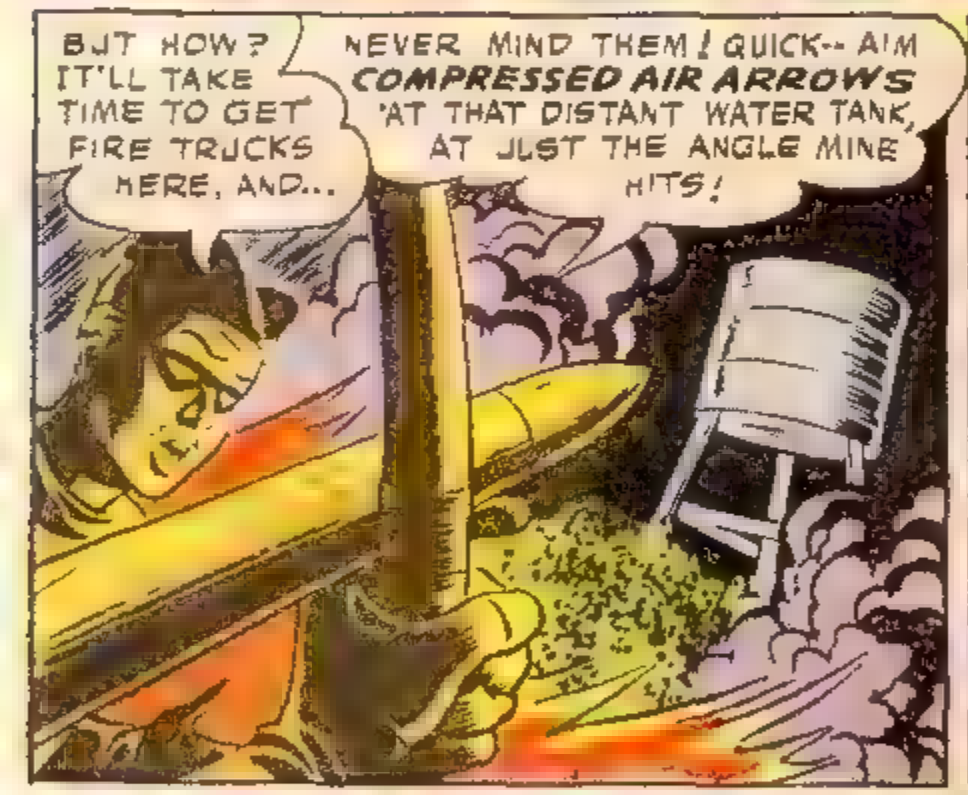

AND THAT EVENING..
THERE THEY GO! SOON, JUST THE FOUR THAT WE BUILT WILL BE LEFT-- AND THEN, WE'LL MAKE MILLIONS!
HTHOUSE
ARROW
ARROW
MOTEL

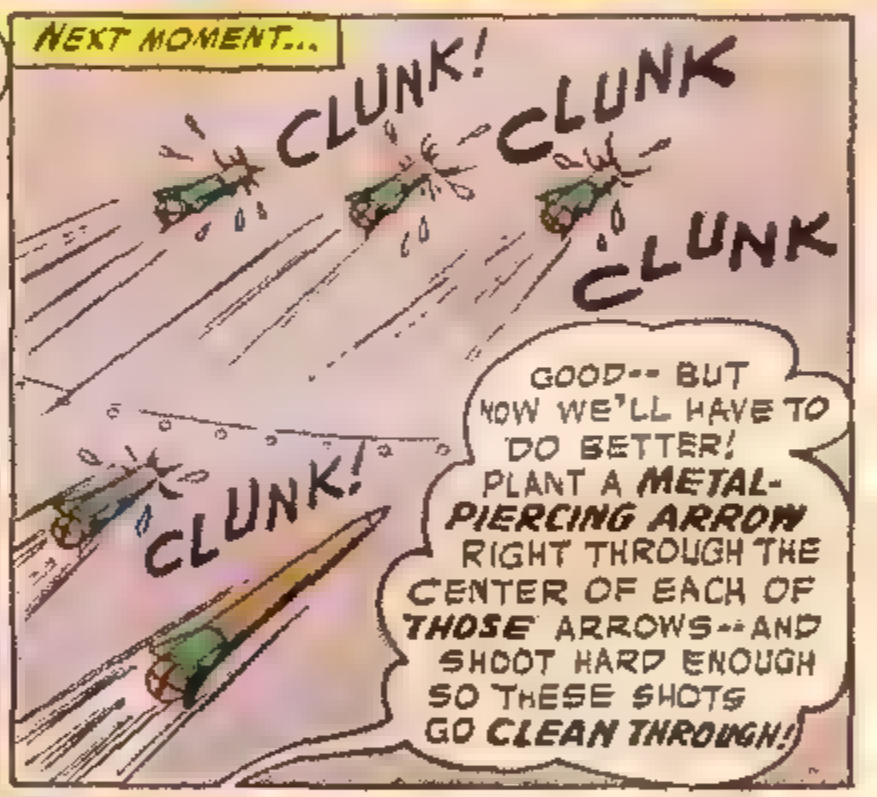

NEXT MORNING, AS GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY STARE GRIMLY AT THE SMOKING RUINS...
SOMEBODY SURE HAS A GRUDGE AGAINST THOSE ARROW STRUCTURES... BUT WHY?
I DON'T KNOW-- BUT WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT! WE'LL STAY AT THIS SPOT TILL WE DO-- AND SEE THAT NO HARM COMES TO THE OTHERS.
MOTEL


WITH THE PASSING HOURS, THE EMERALD ARCHER MAKES SOME INTERESTING OBSERVATIONS..
HMM.. THAT ELECTRIC SIGN'S NOT ELECTRIFIED-- LANTERN'S IN THE DINER, WITH WATER OUT OF A BUCKET... AND THAT ARROW GAS STATION USES ITS OWN WELL FOR WATER! THEY'RE STILL STANDING! I WONDER...?


THAT EVENING, THE DAY-LONG VIGIL IS REWARDED AS...
AN EXPLOSION!-- AT THE ARROW MOVIE! LET'S GO...
ARROW MOVIE


SECONDS LATER...
A GETAWAY CAR!
STAND CLEAR! NO TIME FOR THEM NOW! WE HAVE TO STOP THESE FLAMES BEFORE THEY SPREAD!


BUT HOW? IT'LL TAKE TIME TO GET FIRE TRUCKS HERE, AND...
NEVER MIND THEM! QUICK-- AIM COMPRESSED AIR ARROWS AT THAT DISTANT WATER TANK, AT JUST THE ANGLE MINE HITS!


NEXT MOMENT...
CLUNK!
CLUNK
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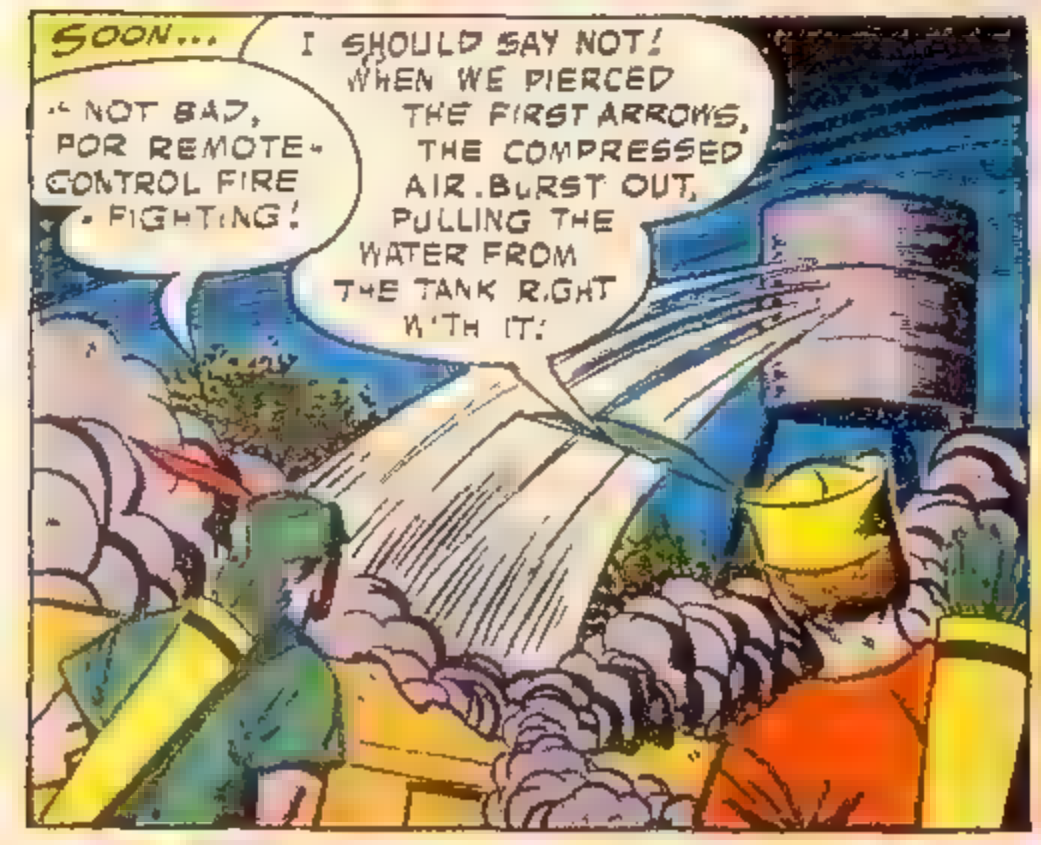
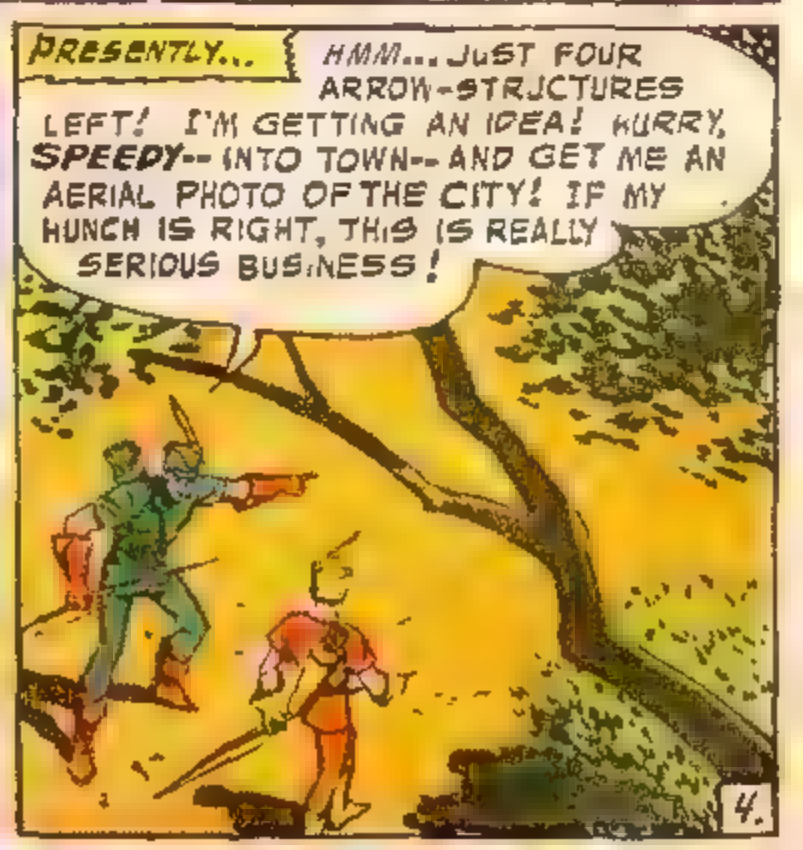
CLUNK!
GOOD-- BUT NOW WE'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER! PLANT A METAL-PIERCING ARROW RIGHT THROUGH THE CENTER OF EACH OF THOSE ARROWS--AND SHOOT HARD ENOUGH SO THESE SHOTS GO CLEAN THROUGH!


SOON...
NOT BAD, FOR REMOTE-CONTROL FIRE-FIGHTING!
I SHOULD SAY NOT! WHEN WE PIERCED THE FIRST ARROWS, THE COMPRESSED AIR BURST OUT, PULLING THE WATER FROM THE TANK RIGHT WITH IT!


PRESENTLY...
HMM... JUST FOUR ARROW-STRUCTURES LEFT! I'M GETTING AN IDEA! HURRY, SPEEDY-- INTO TOWN-- AND GET ME AN AERIAL PHOTO OF THE CITY! IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT, THIS IS REALLY SERIOUS BUSINESS!

A SHORT WHILE LATER...

SIGN

GAS STATION

DINER

BANK

SPORT SHOP

SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I CROSS OUT THE ONES THAT WERE DESTROYED? COME ON... WE'LL HAVE TO WORK FAST!

MEANWHILE..

WE'RE READY TO CASH IN. LET'S GO..

BACK AT THE ARROW DINER...

THESE THINGS CAN MOVE OFF THEIR CONCEALED RAMPS REAL FAST! WE LIGHT ALL FOUR AT THE SAME TIME..

SSSS

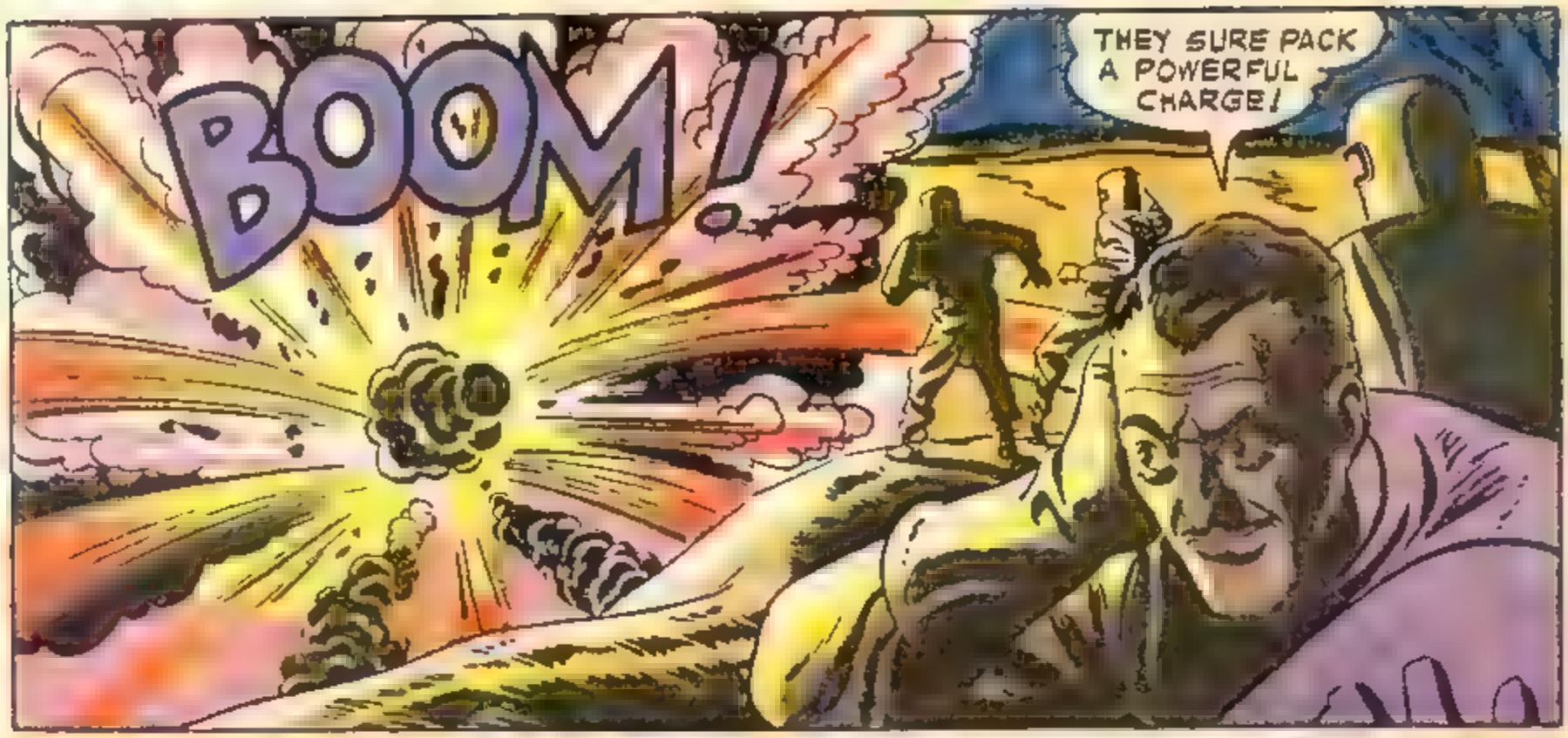
...SO THAT THEY TAKE OFF AND AIM RIGHT AT THEIR TARGET-- WHICH THEY'LL BLOW TO PIECES! THEN, IN THESE SUITS, WE CAN WALK IN AND CLEAN UP!

ARROW DINER

WHOOSH

ARROW SOCKS

WHOOSH!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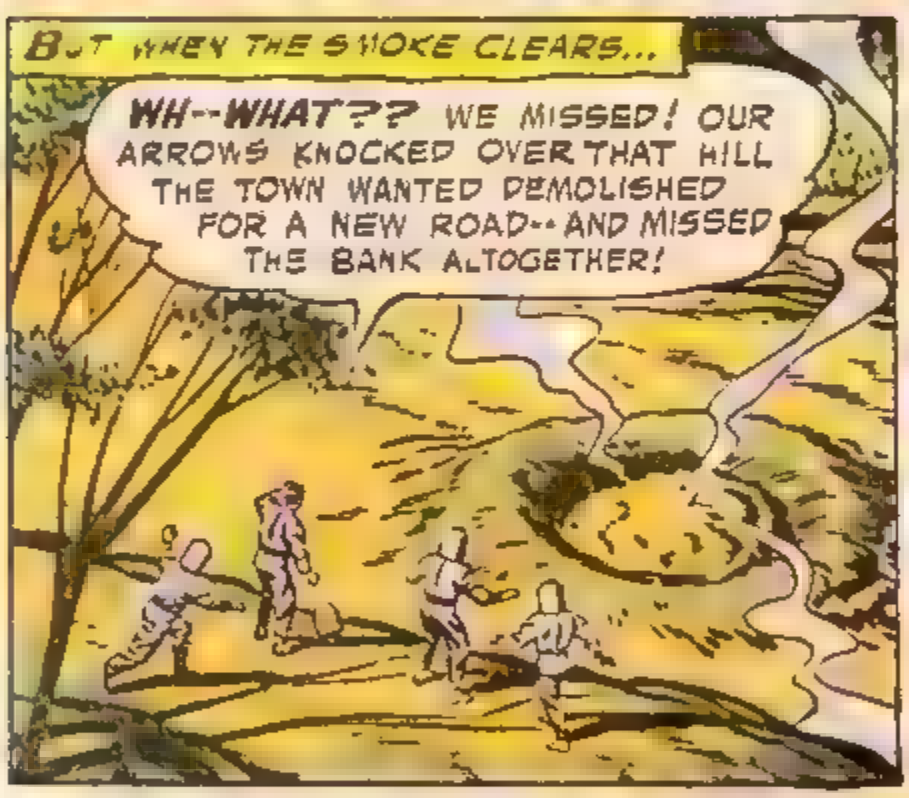
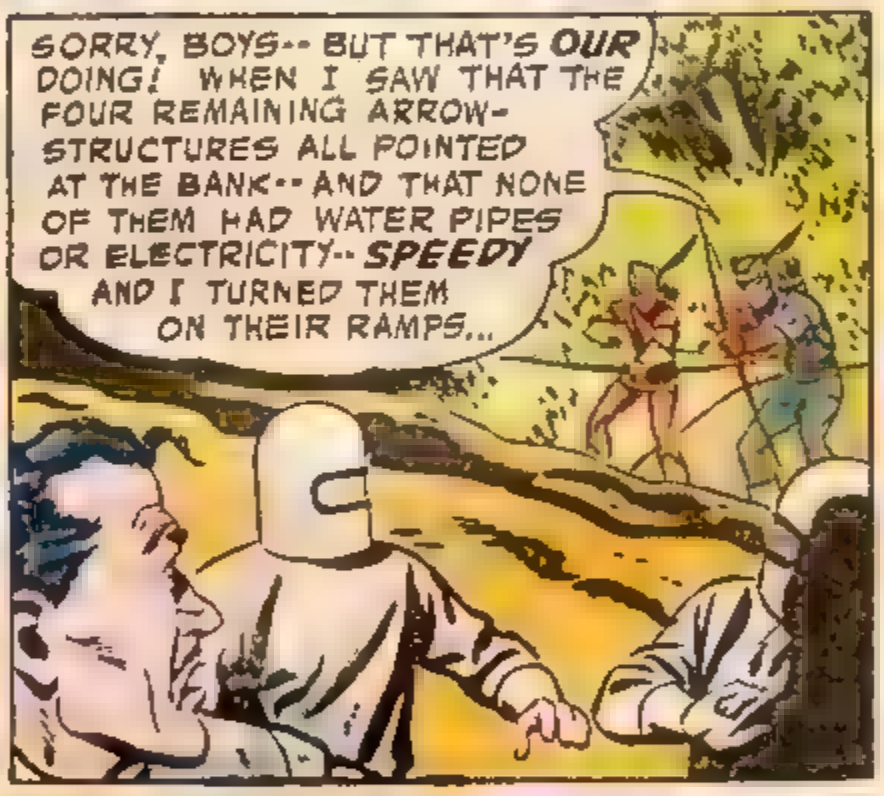
THEY SURE PACK A POWERFUL CHARGE!


BUT WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS...
WH--WHAT?? WE MISSED! OUR ARROWS KNOCKED OVER THAT HILL THE TOWN WANTED DEMOLISHED FOR A NEW ROAD-- AND MISSED THE BANK ALTOGETHER!


SORRY, BOYS-- BUT THAT'S OUR DOING! WHEN I SAW THAT THE FOUR REMAINING ARROW-STRUCTURES ALL POINTED AT THE BANK-- AND THAT NONE OF THEM HAD WATER PIPES OR ELECTRICITY-- SPEEDY AND I TURNED THEM ON THEIR RAMPS...

... AND A'ED THEM AT THAT HILL!
BAH! IT WOULD'VE BEEN AN EASY JOB IF YOU WEREN'T SO POPULAR! WE BUILT THOSE ARROW-HOUSES, AND BEFORE WE HAD A CHANCE, EVERYONE ELSE STARTED BUILDING THEM, TOO-- BLOCKING OFF OUR TARGET!
TWANG!
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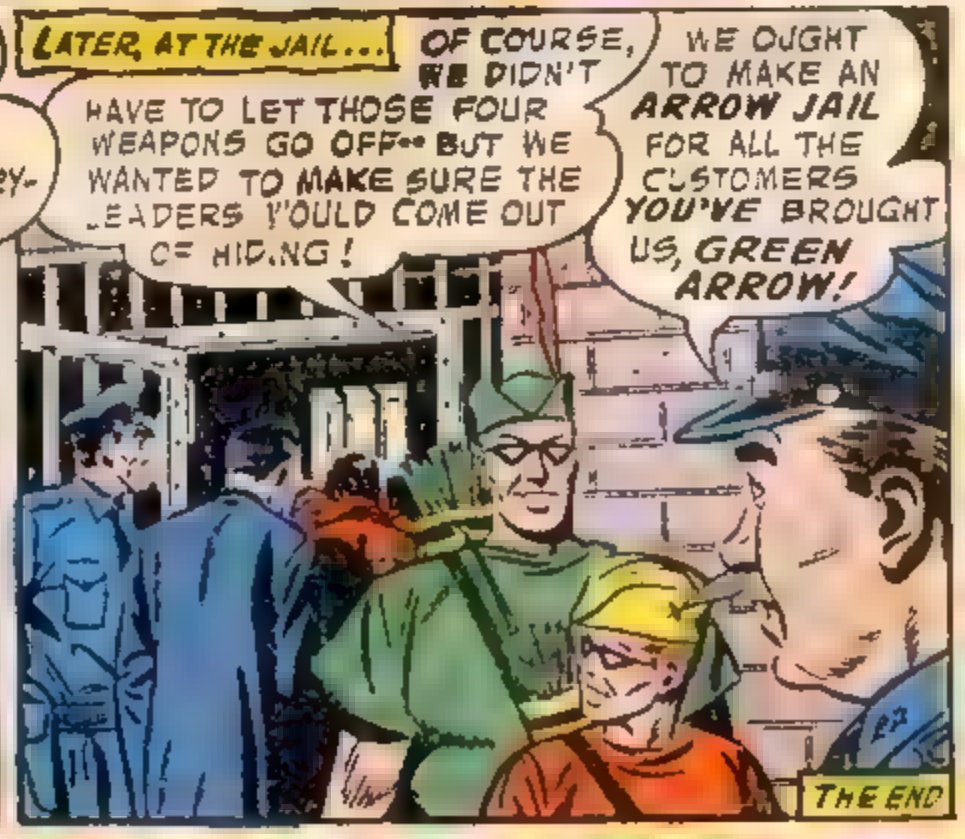
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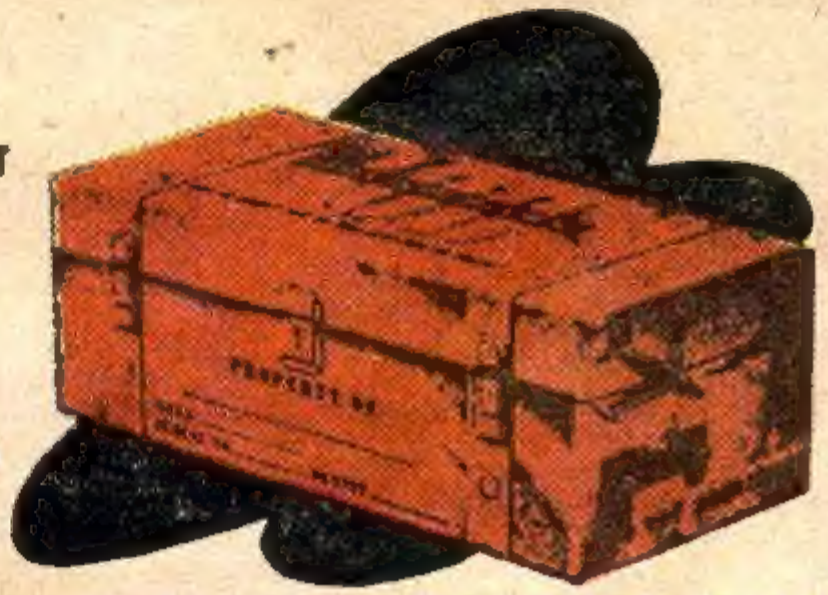

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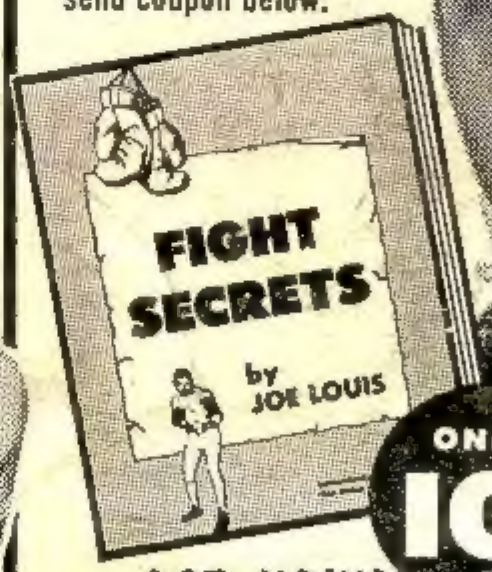

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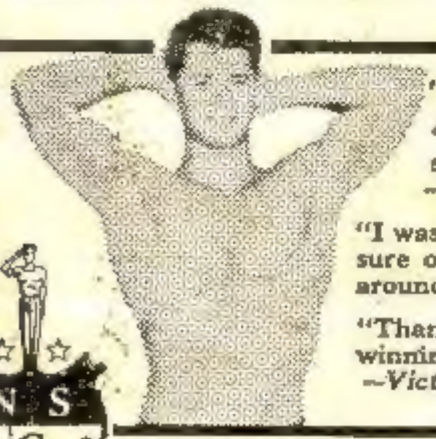

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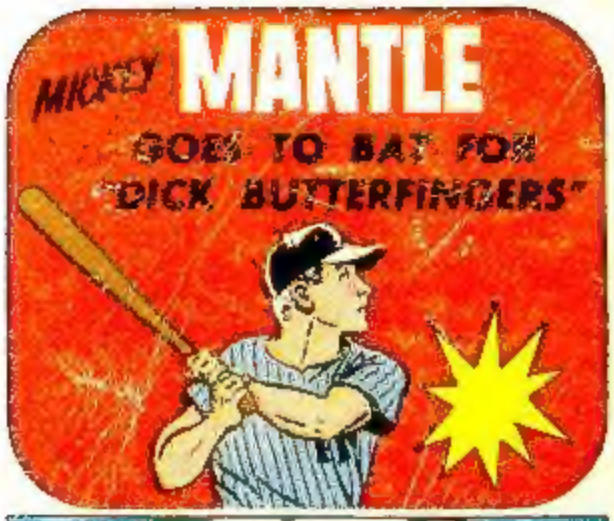

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